



PEI Trucking Sector - 2010

Definition:

If you bought it, chances are a truck brought it. **Trucking** is a large and complex industry that also requires individuals to work in **operations, maintenance, administration** and **management**.

Currently, there is a high demand for **Tractor Trailer Drivers** and **Truck and Transport Mechanics**. The agriculture, fishery, construction, culture, aerospace and food processing sectors rely on the trucking industry to get their raw materials and equipment and move their goods to market.

On Prince Edward Island, up to 380 positions need to be filled in the next four years to keep up with industry growth and with the numbers of people retiring.

Number of people employed in PEI:

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, **2,000** people were employed on PEI in October 2009 in the **Transportation and Warehousing** Industry.

Sample PEI employers:

Amalgamated Dairies Limited
Prince Freight Lines
BJS Truck Centre
Johnstons Tire and Automotive
Trout River Industries
Waddells Poultry
Thomas M. Carver Ltd.
Morley Annear Trucking
Kings County Construction
E B Transport & Crane Service Inc.
Gallant Moving & Storage
Midland Transport Limited
M&M Resources Inc.
O'Meara's Transport Ltd
Bob Gallant Transport Ltd.
McCain Foods
PEI Energy Systems
PEI Liquor Control Commission

Sample Jobs and Wages and Salaries:

- Wage information from www.labourmarketinformation.ca and www.peijoblink.ca and the PEI Trucking Sector Council

Dispatcher	<p>\$35,000 - \$45,000. Dispatchers can gain most of their knowledge from the employer while on the job. However, a general knowledge of the industry and North American geography would be excellent assets.</p>
Fleet Maintenance Manager	<p>\$40,000 - \$50,000. Most Fleet Maintenance Managers have moved into this position from the shop floor after progressing through the ranks and having worked in other maintenance positions. It is also possible to become a Fleet Maintenance Manager immediately following graduation from university. To find out more information on training, please talk to a local company about their requirements.</p>
Safety and Loss Prevention Specialist	<p>\$40,000 - \$50,000. No specific academic/education level is required for the Safety and Loss Prevention Specialists position, but excellence in written reporting, record and statistics keeping as well as statistic manipulation is required. Most Safety and Loss Prevention Specialists, at a minimum, have a high school diploma. Most, if not all, training occurs onthejob.</p>
Straight Truck Drivers (3A License)	<p>\$11.30 - \$16.50/ hr. Provincial licensing requirements include a minimum age of 18 years for straight truck (Class 3) licenses. All Truck Drivers must also meet the vision and medical requirements established by the Provincial Highway Safety Department.</p>
Tractor Trailer Driver (1A License)	<p>Most are paid per mile between 32 - 40 cents/mile; average 120,000 miles per year. 2007 labour market research indicated that 90% of longhaul Tractor Trailer Drivers earn over \$700/wk and 53% of shorthaul Tractor Trailer Drivers earn over \$700/wk.</p>
Truck and Transport Mechanic	<p>Average wage is \$18.25/hour. The demand for Truck and Transport Mechanics is high, especially for Red Seal Certified Truck and Transport Mechanics.</p>

Education available on PEI:

Holland College and **UPEI Business and Human Resources programs** graduates are qualified to work in the business operations side of trucking.

JVI Provincial Transportation and Safety Academy is the only private college on PEI devoted to truck and tractor trailer training.

Apprenticeship training branch of the PEI Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning sponsors training in more than 50 construction trades. Training takes place both onthejob (approximately 80%) and in-school technical training (approximately 20%) which leads to certification under the National Red Seal Program.

Workplace Learning PEI directs clients to essential skills upgrading if they are not successful in reaching the minimum TOWES (Test on Workplace Essential Skills) score needed to enter the Trucking Industry.

Skills and interests needed to work in Trucking:

- strong communication and problem solving/decision-making skills
- strong planning and organizational skills
- like working with computers
- enjoy working with hands
- enjoy driving

For more information, check these websites:

PEI Trucking Sector Council www.peitsc.ca

JVI Provincial Transportation and Safety Academy www.jvidrivertraining.com

Holland College www.hollandcollege.com

UPEI www.upei.ca

Apprenticeship Branch of Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning
www.apprenticeship.pe.ca

Workplace Learning PEI www.nald.ca/workplacedpei