



Road Transport Profile

Employment Nelson-Tasman

Introduction

Road freight is important to the region's exporting. It includes the transportation of logs, livestock, petrol and furniture. The region needs its roads particularly due to the absence of a railway line.

Employment in the Industry

The increasing volume of freight is creating more demand on road transport services. In the year 2000 there were about 750 full time jobs in road freight transport in the area.

- ◆ Most employment in the transport industry is in 'road freight' which is general freight drivers who have a heavy transport licence.
- ◆ Regular bus services run from Nelson such as the Suburban Bus Company and Nelson Lakes Transport. There are also a number of private tour operators.

What Employers Are Looking For

- ◆ The industry is looking for people who are self-motivated and have good hand to eye coordination.
- ◆ Good reading, writing and computer skills are helpful.
- ◆ The minimum age to get a heavy trade licence is 18 years and a car licence is needed first.
- ◆ Some useful licences are class one (motor vehicle), class two (eg. tractor), class four (vehicles over 15,000kg) and P (passenger licences).
- ◆ Drivers who run their own business also need accounting and business skills.
- ◆ Freight transport drivers require people with a high level of mental and physical ability.

Current Skill Shortages

- ◆ During late summer and autumn there is an increased demand for drivers.
- ◆ People with skills to transport livestock, logs and qualified forklift drivers are valued in the industry.
- ◆ There are a number of casual work positions for trained drivers.

ROAD TRANSPORT Employment Categories

Job Title	No's Employ	Job Description	Training
Road Freight Transport	500		
Management \$50,000-\$80,000pa		Finances, human resources, business management	Road transport experience and management training
Marketing \$25,000-\$50,000pa Many marketing positions are paid on commission		Selling transport services	Transport experience plus marketing skills or qualifications
Logging truck drivers \$19,000-\$35,000pa		Drive logging trucks	Heavy vehicle licence and experience in the industry
Live stock driver \$19,000-\$35,000pa		Local and long distance driving. Some stock handling experience or skills	Heavy vehicle licence and experience
Freight driver \$19,000-\$35,000pa		General freight driver	Heavy vehicle licence
Freight handling Wages vary greatly		Fork lift loading and unloading	Fork lift drivers licence

Diesel mechanics Vehicle service \$40,000-\$65,000pa		Vehicle servicing and maintenance	Mechanical qualifications
Dispatch/Receiving Clerk and Storeperson \$17,000-\$50,000pa		Organises, controls & records incoming/outgoing goods	Relative experience and on job training
Salespeople \$17,000-\$50,000pa		Selling vehicle parts	Retail experience and some mechanical knowledge
Taxi drivers \$20,000-\$30,000pa	140	Drive passenger taxis	Taxi licence
Bus & Coach Drivers \$21,000-\$31,000pa	70	Drive school buses, short and long distance passenger buses	Passenger licence

Some Training Pathways to Employment

- ◆ Relevant licences need to be obtained. There are a number of trainers who can assist with this. Licences can also be sat independently. Trainee drivers learn on the job.
- ◆ **Master Drivers** –Offer both specialised and general licence training. Land Transport and Safety Authority (information on licence endorsements) www.ltsa.govt.nz
- ◆ New Zealand Road Transport and Logistics Industry Training Organisation, PO Box 17778, Wellington. Ph 04 4993369.
- ◆ **Hiquip Operator Training** –Special vehicle licences for forklifts and heavy machinery.
- ◆ **NMIT - National Certificate in Automotive Engineering** duration 34 weeks. Entry criteria is minimum three years secondary education, and/or sponsorship by an employer.
- ◆ **Nelson Technical Institute - Automotive/Fishing/Forestry/Driving** TOPs criteria apply, see your careers adviser for information.
- ◆ **Golden Bay Work Centre Trust - HT Licences & Heavy Trade (Class II) Licence –** TOPs criteria apply, see your careers adviser for information.
- ◆ **Abel Tasman Educational Trust - Transport Qualifications –** TOPs criteria apply, see you careers adviser for information.
- ◆ **Abel Tasman Educational Trust - Small Passenger Licence & Courier Driver Certificate –** TOPs criteria apply, see your careers adviser for information.
- ◆ For further information on licence endorsements visit www.ltsa.govt.nz.
- ◆ **Contracting** is offered as a modern apprenticeship, see www.skill.govt.nz.

Some Major Employers

- ◆ G4 Transport - offers on the job training
- ◆ TNL Group Ltd
- ◆ Lloyd Heslop Motors
- ◆ Mainfreight
- ◆ NZ Rail/Intercity
- ◆ Nelson Suburban Bus Lines
- ◆ Abel Tasman Enterprises
- ◆ Nelson Lakes Transport