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ince 1986, the Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI) has worked with carriers, truck driving schools, the insurance industry, and government to make safety the trucking industry's #1 priority. PTDI is the first nonprofit organization to develop uniform skill performance, curriculum, and certification standards for the trucking industry and to award course certification to entry-level truck driver training courses and motor carrier driver-finishing programs. Our goals are to advance truck driver training, proficiency, and professionalism and to put quality drivers on the roads.

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“PTDI is the future of the trucking industry. Trucking companies will want PTDI students first because of industry standards. To me, it also means learning to do things properly!”

*Russell Indoe
PTDI-Certified Course Graduate
Elmwood, Ontario*

“Finding qualified drivers is so important to Davis Transport that we reimburse their tuition costs. Graduates of a PTDI-certified course are the primary focus of our recruiting effort. We are confident that our drivers are trained consistently on the important skills to make them safe and successful drivers. The PTDI curriculum also includes lifestyle issues about how to live on the road. This results in a professional, safe driver.”

*Matt Grandy, V.P. Operations
Davis Transport
Missoula, Montana*

“As a graduate of a PTDI-certified course, I approached my new career as a professional tractor trailer driver with extreme confidence because I received comprehensive CDL training that provided me with the knowledge and skills to succeed in the industry.”

*Paul Diaz, PTDI-certified Course Graduate
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

“The attorneys all know the standards exist, and PTDI standards will definitely give you a better leg to stand on when you have to defend a training program. If it's a situation where the drivers don't have the training, it's very difficult for us to defend in court. Today's insurance underwriters are very watchful of training programs. They care very much that a program is PTDI certified.”

*Jeff Davis, Vice President of Safety
Motor Transport Underwriters
Indianapolis, Indiana*

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Achieve Your Goals — Enroll in a PTDI-Certified Course

- Are you looking for a career that suits your independent spirit?
- Would you like to be part of a rapidly growing industry?
- Do you want to support yourself doing something you can be proud of?
- Are you 21 years old (for interstate driving; 18 years old for intrastate) and capable of passing a physical and a drug test?
- Do you have a good driving record and an ability to communicate in English?

If you answered “yes” to these questions, you may be a good candidate to achieve your goals in a PTDI-certified truck driving course and begin an exciting career in trucking.

Make Your Mark on a Dynamic Industry

- According to the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for heavy trucks and tractor-trailers will grow by 13% between 2004-2014. Employment opportunities for these occupations are expected to grow by 223,300, from 1.738 million in 2004 to 1.962 million in 2014.
- According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the trucking industry collectively employs more than 10 million people.

PTDI Gives You the Means to Achieve

Employers want PTDI graduates. They know that PTDI-certified courses are based on national standards determined by the trucking industry, which means new hires need little additional training.

In a PTDI-certified course, you will train with qualified administrative and instructional personnel, use up-to-date materials and equipment, and earn professional pride while you learn.

Your skills training will consist of at least five main units: basic operation, safe operating practices, advanced operating practices, vehicle systems and reporting malfunctions, and non-vehicle activities. This will give you the foundation you need to be a quality and safe driver, the kind that companies are looking for!

Not all schools can boast PTDI course certification; make sure the one you choose has taken the steps needed to get its course certified, rather than just using the PTDI curriculum standards as a base.



“As a driver recruiter I look very favorably upon driver training schools that have a PTDI-certified course. It indicates that they have taken the initiative to go ‘the extra mile’ with their program.”

*Natasha Henderson, Driver Recruiter
Carlisle Carriers Corp., Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania*

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Reap the Benefits of Achievement

- Start your career in four to six weeks.
- As a graduate of a PTDI-certified course, you will be awarded the PTDI Certificate or Seal of Attainment.
- You can earn an average of \$42,000 annually, according to American Trucking Associations’ 2003 *Driver Compensation Study*.
- Your future earnings will increase — experienced, safe drivers can earn \$45,000 to \$60,000 a year or more.
- Typical benefits include performance-based bonuses, health insurance, and sick and vacation leave.
- Trucking jobs cannot be outsourced or moved abroad. Your job will stay in the country and your opportunities in the industry will grow.
- Job security for safe and reliable drivers is virtually guaranteed everywhere in the North America.
- Opportunities to advance in other areas, including sales, management, logistics, and training.

Have You Been Considering a Career in Trucking?

Now is the time to take the first step! A driver shortage means companies are actively looking for qualified men and women over the age of 21—even babyboomers. Additionally, the economy is rebounding and capacity is increasing, which means demand is on the rise. Trucking companies are offering more incentives than ever, including tuition reimbursement, sign-on bonuses, dedicated runs, and wage increases. Don’t wait another moment to make the open road your office.

Questions?

Visit the PTDI Web Portal www.ptdi.org featuring info on or links to:

- *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, published by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Driver Qualifications
- *Checklist for Quality Courses in Tractor-Trailer Driver Training*
- Schools with PTDI-certified courses
- School eligibility requirements, tuition, and funding.
- Curriculum guidelines
- FAQs
- And more!