

Delivery and Courier Service Drivers

Description

Delivery and courier service drivers drive automobiles, vans and light trucks to pick up and deliver various products. They are employed by dairies, drug stores, newspaper distributors, take-out food establishments, dry cleaners, mobile caterers, courier and messenger service companies and many other establishments, or they may be self-employed.

Duties:

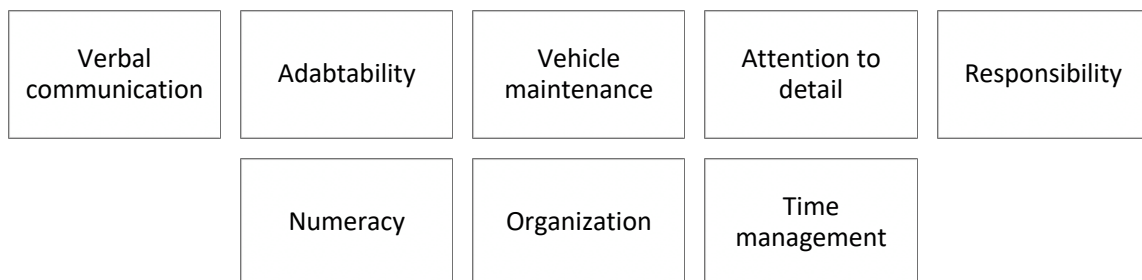
- Operate and drive automobiles, vans and light trucks to pick up and deliver products such as fast food, newspapers, magazines, bakery and dairy products, and items such as dry cleaning, envelopes, packages and parcels
- Perform pre-trip and post-trip inspection of vehicle
- Plan delivery travel schedules and service routes
- Load and unload cargo, goods or merchandise
- Provide customer service by selling products, delivering over established routes and accepting or making payments for goods
- Record information on pick-ups and deliveries, vehicle mileage and fuel costs and report any incidents or problems encountered
- May scan and sort freight or cargo for delivery
- May assemble, install or set-up delivered goods or merchandise
- May communicate with central dispatch using mobile communications equipment.

Other titles:

- driver salesperson
- canteen driver
- bread deliverer
- newspaper delivery driver
- dry cleaning driver
- vending machine driver-supplier
- mail service courier
- pizza delivery driver

(Government of Canada National Occupation Classification)

Skills



Education/Training Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

- Completion of secondary school is usually required

Post-secondary diploma/degree

- Not required

Certification

- A driver's license appropriate to the class of vehicle being driven is required.
- One year of safe driving experience is usually required.
- On-the-job training is provided.
- Eligibility for bonding and transportation of dangerous goods (TGD) certification may be required for delivery and courier drivers.

Potential Earnings in Durham Region

The average and median wages and salaries for individuals employed as delivery and courier service drivers are as follows. Place of Residence (POR) is defined as individuals who reside within the Durham Region. Place of Work (POW) is defined as individuals who are employed within the Durham Region.

Median Wages and Salaries (POR): **\$32,942** Average Wages and Salaries (POR): **\$32,833**
 Median Wages and Salaries (POW): **\$24,750** Average Wages and Salaries (POW): **\$26,727**

Employment Prospects

Industry (NAICS)	Jobs in Durham Region (POW)	Durham Region Residents Employed (POR)
4841 General freight trucking	20	30
4911 Postal service	25	25

(Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development 2016 data in Durham Workforce Authority's 2017 Sector Report)

Additional Resources

- Information on drivers' licenses: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/drivers-licence>
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods certification: <https://canadasafetycouncil.org/product/transportation-of-dangerous-goods/>