FREIGHT TRUCK DRIVER

Job Description:

Freight truck drivers are responsible for transporting different types of goods from distribution centers to customer locations using a truck. They are also required to perform inspections before and after a trip, and unload cased products from the trailer to customer facilities. These drivers also follow appropriate safety procedures to transport dangerous cargo and maintain logs of vehicle repair status and working hours. Freight truck drivers transport goods between locations using tractor trailers and heavy trucks. They often travel extensive distances to deliver their loads and must adhere to traffic and safety regulations while still making their deliveries on time. Freight truck drivers must hold a freight driver’s license, which takes three to six months to obtain. Some people expand the types of employment available to them by acquiring additional certifications to become hazardous materials drivers. Driving large vehicles can be difficult, so freight truck drivers must be comfortable operating heavy machinery and have the hand-eye coordination to do it proficiently. They are also legally required to have strong eyesight and hearing and be in good physical health.

Job Responsibilities:

* Transporting finished goods and raw materials over land to and from manufacturing plants or retail and distribution centers.
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* Document and log work/rest periods and miles spent driving and retain fuel/toll receipts
* Input “macros” into our automated system for each stage of the loading and unloading process
* Comply with truck driving rules and regulations (size, weight, route designations, parking and break periods) as well as with company policies and procedures
* Maneuver trucks into loading or unloading positions
* Collect and verify delivery instructions
* Report defects, accidents or violations
* Drive long distances to deliver goods to customers.
* Load and unload cargo.
* Record cargo deliveries.
* Refuel and clean vehicle.
* Report road incidents to the dispatcher.
* Follow traffic laws.
* Coordinate with dispatchers
* Inspect trucks and record issues.
* Follow accident procedures.
* Keep an activities log and log hours.
* Report mechanical problems to maintenance personnel.
* Plan routes using GPS system.
* Get goods to the client on time.
* Maintain a positive attitude with customers.
* Keep freight driver license up to date.
* Log hours and mileage
* Ensure any mechanical issues with the vehicle are corrected before driving
* Transport and deliver freight over the road over long distances in a safe, efficient, timely and legal manner.
* Hook and unhook trailers; secure freight; install and remove tire chains as required by weather, tarp and un-tarp freight if operating flatbeds.
* Load and unload trailers and perform lifting, pulling, pushing and carrying freight.
* Complete all necessary paperwork and maintain records required under state and federal laws and regulations.
* Ensure that all operations are in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations.
* Perform routine inspection and preventative maintenance on assigned equipment and refer defects/repairs to Company personnel.
* Represent the Company and the trucking industry in a professional manner.

Job Qualifications:

* High school diploma or GED required
* Trucking school diploma
* Clean driving record required
* Current freight driver’s license and registration required (Class A CDL)
* Clean drug and alcohol screening
* Clean background check
* Current DOT physical required
* Current driver’s insurance required
* Experience as a truck driver

Opportunities as a truck driver are available for applicants without experience in which more than one truck driver is needed in an area such that an experienced truck driver will be present to mentor.

Job Skills Required:

* Knowledge of DMV standards and regulations
* Proven work experience as a Truck Driver
* Hands on experience with electronic equipment and software (GPS, AVL units, CB etc)
* Ability to drive long hours and travel regularly
* Extensive knowledge of applicable truck driving rules and regulations
* No recent moving or driving violations
* Adaptability and foresight to handle unexpected situations (traffic, weather conditions etc)
* Willing to submit to background/drug checks and provide employment recommendations
* Able to be away from home for extended periods of time, available for round-the-clock trips and able to remain alert while driving for periods of up to 11 hours
* Able to squat, crouch and reach as needed to handle freight; able to enter and exit the vehicle’s cab numerous times each day
* Able to push and pull freight at a self-selected height with a force of 150 pounds.
* Able to access and manually release fifth wheel lever and tandem pins which requires horizontal pulling with a force of 100 pounds at a height of 44 inches and pulling with a force of 100 pounds at a height of 38 inches
* Able to occasionally carry or move freight weighing up to 70 pounds.
* Able to install and remove tire chains, hook and unhook trailers, secure freight
* For flatbeds: able to handle, install and remove special equipment weighing up to 110 pounds including chains, straps, tarps, tiedowns, etc.
* Must be able to work in severe weather conditions—both heat and cold.