



Ten Top Tips for Getting a Trucking Route Job

With a pressing need for skilled and qualified truck drivers, the time is now perfect for drivers who are new trucking school graduates to obtain jobs in this industry.

Positions such as [local route drivers](#) can also be filled by applicants who are less experienced or are new driving school graduates. Many companies are even willing to train you for some of their best truck driving jobs by letting you work with drivers who have had years of experience in the industry.

Here are some good tips to keep in mind that may help you find the perfect position as a route driver.

Tip #1

The best way to start looking for trucking employment is to get a copy of your motor vehicle driving record for the past 10 years. You can find out what, if any, are the points that may count against you. Clean driving records are what the companies are really looking for. Some of the larger trucking employers may only focus on the last two or three years, especially if there are only some minor tickets in the more distant past.

Tip #2

Should there be any DUI charges or severe traffic violations on your record, you may have a problem getting a job as a route driver. If there were some extenuating circumstances, you need to be prepared to explain your side as rationally as possible. The companies that you are applying to will be able to download this data automatically on their computer systems, but having it handy will start you off the right way.

Tip #3

If you have had some related experience doing driving and delivery work in the past, now is the time to bring it up to a prospective employer. Also make sure that you have phone numbers or references to verify the employment. You will find that trucking companies appreciate your taking the time to provide them with useful information such as this. It also shows that you are prepared and have a professional attitude.

Tip #4

Look online at job boards like [TruckingCrossing.com](#) to find some of the best truck driving jobs available. You can find out the contact information that you will need to use, and this may give you a leg up on the competition. These online postings will also give you the duties of each position and will detail the education and driving experience that is required in order to be considered as a serious applicant.

Tip #5

If there are any local companies or retail stores that are looking for drivers, be sure to give them a chance. You might find that you like driving some of the smaller trucks, and this type of work will give you some experience when an opening is available that involves other route work.

Tip #6

If you're working in a warehouse or office of a transportation company and feel that you would make a good route driver, let them know that you're interested in this type of work. They may even pay for any driver training that you need, and if the trucks are small enough, you may not even need a class III license.

Tip #7

Look for other jobs that can get you into an entry-level transportation position. This will let you learn a little about how the routes work and what is involved with loading and shipping packages and delivery orders.

Tip #8

If you have a friend who already has a job in the trucking industry, you can find out from him if there might be any openings at his company or if he has heard of any positions that may be available soon.



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Tip #9

When you show up for any interview for any [truck driver jobs](#) or delivery positions, you should take the effort to dress neatly and be on time. Interviews give employers their first look at you, and the better this first impression, the better your chances of getting the job will be.

Tip #10

You can take some courses in driving on your own, which will definitely help you rise to the top of the applicant pool. If you

also take some basic mechanic courses and computer courses, you will be able to show companies that you can do this job and bring even more skills and talents to the table. Well-rounded individuals who can fill more than one position are the kind of job applicants that employers hope to find.

If you try to utilize some of these tips as you search for your next job, you will find that your job search will end in successful employment sooner than you expect.

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