

# Transportation Careers



## DID YOU KNOW?



**Mechanic:** A person who repairs and maintains machinery.



**Engine:** A machine with moving parts that converts power into motion.



**Log book:** An official record of events during the voyage of a truck, ship or aircraft.



**CDL:** license specific to driving certain types of vehicles such as buses or tank trucks.



**Diesel:** A type of fuel.



**Transportation:** The action of transporting people or goods.

## MECHANIC

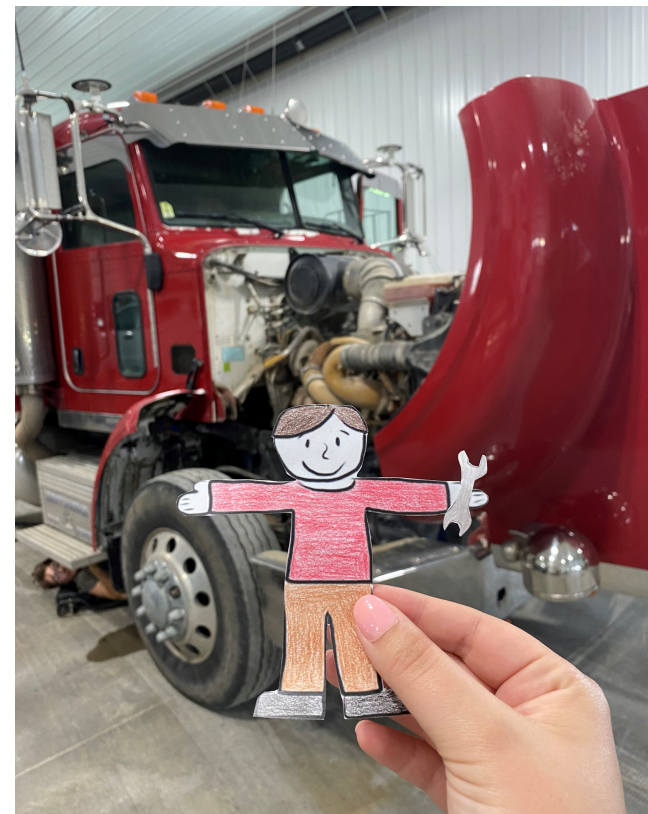
A mechanic is responsible for repairing and inspecting vehicles, machinery and large trucks. Most mechanics work indoors, usually a shop or garage setting. If you aren't afraid to get dirty, this job may be for you. Many mechanics use their hands to assemble machinery, and problem solving skills to complete the tasks. Safety is always important in any career however, mechanics take extra precautions when working with large equipment. Safety glasses and gloves are recommended.

To become a mechanic, many businesses require a high school diploma and a 2 year degree in diesel mechanics.





# SEMI TRUCKS



A semi truck is a form of transportation that is used for moving goods from one location to the next. Truck driver's are responsible for transporting goods in a timely, safe manner. To become a truck driver, a person must pass a CDL (Commercial Driver's License) driving test. Once the driver is approved by the Department of Transportation they are eligible to be on the road hauling large trailers that might contain your food, packages or various of other goods.

Although there are many modes of transportation. Road transportation is the most commonly used to transport our goods. The main downside to road transportation is risk of bad weather and delays.

## VARIOUS CAREERS OF A TRUCK DRIVER

A truck driver may be a mailman, who delivers letters to the post office or a feed truck driver who delivers livestock feed to farmers. All drivers are important to getting goods to the consumer.

Walmart, Hy-Vee, and Target hire drivers to bring in food and goods to the store.

So how does your favorite cereal get to the grocery store? By a truck driver of course!



## FUN FACTS

- On average there are 1.2 million trucks on the road a day.
- The average truck driver travels 650 miles a day.
- Semi fuel tanks can hold an average of 125-300 gallons of fuel.

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## JOKE OF THE DAY

What do you call a really good truck driver?  
Semi- Pro!