

# Professional Truck Driver Institute

## Minimum Hours for Training

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Classroom &amp; Lab<sup>•</sup></u>	<u>BTW Range &amp; Street<sup>*#</sup></u>
<b>1 Basic Operation</b>		
1.1 Orientation <sup>#</sup>	18 (22)	24 (29)
1.2 Control Systems <sup>#</sup>		
1.3 Vehicle Inspections		
1.4 Basic Control		
1.5 Shifting		
1.6 Backing and Docking		
1.7 Coupling and Uncoupling		
<b>2 Safe Operating Practices for Basic Operation</b>	8 (10)	17 (20)
2.1 Visual Search		
2.2 Vehicle Communication		
2.3 Speed Management		
2.4 Space Management		
<b>3 Advanced Operating Practices</b>	14 (17)	3 (4)
3.1 Night Operation		
3.2 Extreme Driving Conditions		
3.3 Hazard Perception		
3.4 Emergency Maneuvers/Skid Avoidance		
3.5 Skid Control and Recovery		
3.6 Passive (Unmarked or Uncontrolled) Railroad Crossings		
<b>4 Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions<sup>#</sup></b>		
4.1 Identification and Maintenance	6 (7)	0 (0)
4.2 Diagnosing and Reporting Malfunctions		
<b>5 Non-Vehicle Activities <sup>#</sup></b>		
5.1 Handling and Documenting Cargo		
5.2 Environmental Issues	43 (52)	0 (0)
5.3 Hours of Service Requirements		
5.4 Accident Procedures		
5.5 Managing Life on the Road/Personal Resources		
5.6 Trip Planning		
5.7 Communication Skills		
<b>Discretionary Hours<sup>+#</sup></b>	<u>15 (17)</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>104 (125)</u>	<u>44 (53)</u>
<b>Total Hours Classroom/Lab + BTW Range/Street</b>	<b>148 (178)</b>	

\* Total of range and street BTW must equal at least 44 (53) hours per student.

• Hours are expressed as 60 and (50) minute hours.

+ Discretionary hours are discussed on Page 9 of the Curriculum Standards & Guidelines.

# Units are non-driving subjects so driving time is not awarded.

Note: 15% of required classroom/lab hours may be adjusted among units.

