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ince 1986, the Professional Truck Driver

Institute (PTDI) has been working

with the carriers, truck driving schools,

insurance industry, and government

to make safety a national #1 priority

in the trucking industry. PTDI is the

first nonprofit organization to develop

uniform skill performance, curriculum,

and certification standards for the

trucking industry and to award course

certification to entry-level truck driver

training courses and motor carrier driver-

finishing programs. Our goals are to

advance truck driver training, proficiency,

and professionalism and to put quality

drivers on the roads. Recently, PTDI

streamlined the certification process

to help carriers and schools obtain

national recognition that their

programs meet these standards.

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“ PTDI is the future of the trucking industry. Trucking companies will want PTDI students first because of industry standards. To me, it also means learning to do things properly! ”

*Russell Indoe, Student
Elmwood, Ontario, Canada*

“ We are very proud to have the PTDI course certification seal of approval on our truck driver training program. It gives us the confidence that our students are trained consistently on the important skills to make them a safe and successful driver. ”

*Jennie Doremus
Vice President Human Resources
U.S. Xpress Enterprises
Chattanooga, TN*

“ As a graduate of a PTDI certified course, I approached my new career as a professional tractor trailer driver with extreme confidence because I received comprehensive CDL training that provided me with the knowledge and skills to succeed in the industry. ”

*Paul Diaz, Student
Philadelphia, PA*

“ The attorneys all know the standards exist, and PTDI standards will definitely give you a better leg to stand on when you have to defend a training program. If it's a situation where the drivers don't have the training, it's very difficult for us to defend in court. Today's insurance underwriters are very watchful of training programs. They care very much that a program is PTDI certified. ”

*Jeff Davis, Vice President of Safety
Motor Transport Underwriters
Indianapolis, Indiana*

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Achieve Your Goals — Enroll in a PTDI-Certified Course

- Are you looking for a career that suits your independent spirit?
- Would you like to be part of a rapidly growing industry?
- Do you want to support yourself doing something you can be proud of?
- Are you 21 years old (18 years old for intrastate) and capable of passing a physical and a drug test?
- Do you have a good driving record and an ability to communicate in English?

If you answered “yes” to these questions you are a good candidate to achieve your goals in a PTDI-certified truck driving course and begin an exciting career in trucking.

Make Your Mark on a Dynamic Industry

- According to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) the demand for heavy trucks and tractor-trailers will grow by 19% between 2002-2012. Employment opportunities for these occupations are expected to grow by 337,000, according to the DOL's Bureau of Labor & Statistics, from 1.767 million in 2002 to 2.104 million in 2012.
- According to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), the trucking industry collectively employs over 10 million people.
- According to the DOT, truck drivers transport approximately 9 billion tons of freight each year worth nearly \$6.7 trillion.

PTDI Gives You the Means to Achieve

Employers want to hire PTDI graduates. They know that the PTDI-certified courses are based on national standards determined by the trucking industry and graduates do not need much additional training. As a student in a PTDI-certified course you will train with qualified administrative and instructional personnel, use up-to-date materials and equipment, and earn professional pride while you learn.

Students in PTDI-certified courses receive skills training in five main units: basic operation, safe operating practices, advanced operating practices, vehicle systems and reporting malfunctions, and non-vehicle activities, as well as the new FMCSA entry-level truck driver requirements. PTDI gives you the foundation to be a quality and safe driver, the kind of driver that companies are looking for! Not all schools can boast PTDI course certification; make sure the school you choose has taken the steps to get their course certified, rather than only using the PTDI curriculum standards as a base.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), the government agency dedicated to improving truck and bus safety, supports the PTDI curriculum. The FMCSA believes the PTDI curriculum is the basis for adequate training of entry-level drivers. The backing of the FMCSA ensures that PTDI has the confidence of the federal government and the insurance industry.

“**As a driver recruiter I look very favorably upon driver training schools that have a PTDI-certified course. It indicates that they have taken the initiative to go ‘the extra mile’ with their program.**”

*Ed O'Connor, Driver Recruiter
Carlisle Carriers Corp., Mechanicsburg, PA*

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North America's foremost advocate of truck-driver training standards, driver professionalism, and safety

Reap the Benefits of Achievement

- Start your career in the trucking industry in an average of four to six weeks.
- As a graduate of a PTDI-certified course you'll be awarded the PTDI Certificate of Attainment.
- You can earn up to an average of \$42,000 annually, according to the American Trucking Association's 2003 Driver Compensation Study.
- Your future earnings will increase — experienced drivers routinely earn \$45,000 to \$60,000 a year or more.
- Typical benefits in addition to pay include insurance, retirement plans, paid vacations, and holidays.
- Trucking jobs cannot be outsourced or moved abroad. Your job will stay in the country and your opportunities in the industry will grow.
- Job security for safe and reliable drivers is virtually guaranteed anywhere in the North America.
- In addition to increasing your earnings every year that you drive, professional drivers have the opportunity to advance in other areas including sales, management, logistics, and training.

Have You Been Considering a Career in Trucking?

Now is the best time to take the first step! The current truck driver shortage means companies are looking for you. The portion of the workforce that has traditionally provided most of North America's truck drivers, males age 20 to 24, will grow far more slowly than the new truck driver job openings. Additionally, the economy is rebounding and capacity is increasing, meaning that drivers are needed. Trucking companies are providing more incentives than ever to entice professional drivers including signing bonuses, dedicated runs, and wage increases. Don't wait another moment to begin your career as a professional driver and make the open road your office.

Looking for Additional Information?

For more information on truck driving as a career, see the “Occupational Outlook Handbook” published by the U.S Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bulletin 2540. It is available online at <http://stats.bls.gov/oco/print/ocos246.htm>.

For a “Checklist for Quality Programs” contact PTDI or visit <http://www.ptdi.org>. For a list of schools with PTDI-certified courses call PTDI or go to <http://www.ptdi.org/schools/index.htm>.

For information on eligibility requirements, tuition, and funding available for those who qualify, please contact the school with a PTDI-certified course in your area.