



## WOODLANDS

POSITIONS IN THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY



# LOGGING TRUCK DRIVER

**OTHER JOB TITLES:** bulk goods truck driver, flatbed truck driver, long-haul truck driver, shunt truck driver, transport driver, truck driver, truck driver, heavy truck, truck driver, tractor-trailer.

**IF YOU WANT GOOD PAY, OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ON THE JOB, A GREAT LIFESTYLE AND THE CHANCE TO WORK IN CANADA'S GREENEST WORKFORCE, THEN THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IS RIGHT FOR YOU.**

Why green? The forests are a renewable natural resource and the Canadian forest products industry is known for its world-class environmental credentials, including having the most certified forests in the world, and cutting more than 70% of its greenhouse gas emissions since 1990.

The industry offers something for everyone. It's an industry with a reputation for investing in skills training and career growth, and no matter what part of the forest products industry you work in - on the mill floor as a mechanical engineer, or in the forest as a forestry technician - every job is part of the greenest industry in Canada.

Canadian forest product companies will need to hire 60,000, or more, **new workers by 2020** to meet demand and you could be one of them!

### DESCRIPTION

Logging truck drivers operate heavy trucks to transport lumber and other wood products over urban, interurban, provincial and United States routes. They can work directly for forest products companies, or they may be self-employed. There are also truckers who work on special-purpose trucks, and there are shunters who move trailers to and from loading docks within trucking yards or lots.

Whatever your day brings, you'll know that every time you get behind the wheel of your rig, you can look forward to being happy with the lifestyle you've earned.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Logging truck drivers do more than just drive trucks, they also:

- operate long-combination vehicle and straight-body trucks weighing over 4500 kg
- plan trip logistics and obtain required documentation to transport goods
- perform pre-trip, en route and post-trip inspection of equipment and accessories like tires, lights and turning signals, brakes and cold storage
- ensure cargo is secured properly
- obtain special permits to transport cargo on international routes
- record cargo information, hours of service, distance travelled and fuel consumption
- maintain log books
- perform emergency roadside repairs

### THIS JOB IS RIGHT FOR YOU IF...

- you want to live an oversized life in one of Canada's beautiful forest communities
- a sense of community is important to you
- you want to make a difference working in a green job
- you like the outdoors
- you are a team player
- you like big machines
- you want to work in work boots, not dress shoes

### \$ EARNING POTENTIAL



This is the high end of the Canadian average. In some areas, logging truck drivers make up to \$38 per hour.

### + BENEFITS MAY INCLUDE

- Apprenticeships
- Career growth
- Daycare
- Dental and medical plans
- Employee assistance plans
- Pensions
- Ongoing training

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Most driver training courses take about three months through a vocational school or community college. To drive straight-body trucks you will need a Class 3 or D licence. A Class 1 or A licence is needed to drive long-combination vehicles. Air brake endorsement (Z) is required for drivers who operate vehicles equipped with air brakes. There are numerous training programs across the country. Here is a complete list of Canadian Universities and Colleges: [thegreenestworkforce.ca/education](http://thegreenestworkforce.ca/education)

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