

DUMP TRUCK DRIVER

A dump truck driver transports loose materials in the dump-style bed of his truck. These materials normally include dirt, rocks, sand, coal, crushed rock, gravel, and paving materials. In some areas, he may also be required to haul away accumulated snow from highways and roads.

Good coordination skills are required for a dump truck driver to operate the controls in the cab of his truck that manipulate the bed. His regular and peripheral vision abilities have to be sharp for him to be aware of other trucks and of the heavy equipment that frequently surrounds him at job sites.

Hauling materials from one place to another is the main job of a dump truck driver. He must follow a schedule for pickups and deliveries of materials. He is required to verify the types of materials he is hauling as well as their weight. If he is working in conjunction with other equipment operators and truck drivers, he must clearly communicate with them to make sure he delivers his materials according to the job specifications and timetables. He is expected to keep his truck clean and in good working order.

Since a dump truck driver typically delivers dirt and other loose, natural materials, his environment is normally full of dust. His work day generally begins early, and may stretch into early evening, depending on job deadlines.

To drive a dump truck requires specialized training such as a CDL Class A or B Drivers' License.