LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT

ALSO CALLED

- Truck driver
- Livestock carrier

WHAT’S THE JOB ABOUT?

- **Truck driving**
  Moving stock between farms, to and from saleyards and to meat processors.

- **Handling livestock**
  Loading/unloading stock and monitoring the health, condition and welfare of stock during transit.

- **Transporting goods**
  Carrying hay, grains, fertiliser, rural produce, building materials, machinery etc

- **Maintaining relevant documentation**
  Log books, invoices, stock movement details

- **Operating the transport business**
  Communicating with livestock owners/buyers/sellers, scheduling jobs allowing for location and the requirements of farmers to maximise efficiency and maintaining records (wages, fuel/tyre bills, truck service/repairs, registration/insurance costs)
WORK CONDITIONS

- Livestock transport often requires early starts and long hours.

- The availability of work will vary between seasons and weekly/monthly livestock sales.

- Sufficient funds or financial backing are essential to establish the business and purchase or lease a truck.

- Planning on a daily and weekly basis can be affected by prevailing weather conditions.

- Depending on the size and structure of the transport business, involvement of the owner in the actual work will vary. There will be a certain amount of time spent in the office and liaising with farmers, suppliers and drivers.

EXPERIENCE AND RELATED TRAINING

- Experience in handling livestock and a suitable truck licence (medium/heavy rigid, heavy/multi combination) are essential for livestock transport.

- An understanding of basic mechanics will help keep the truck on the road.

- Livestock transporters need the experience, skills and knowledge that allow them to provide a specialised service.

- Gaining a formal qualification will help you to develop the knowledge and skills that you need to develop a successful business.

- If you are already working at this level you can have your skills recognised by applying for a qualification with a training provider.
### Career path

#### Truck driver
You drive a truck and follow a schedule provided by your employer.

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#### Owner driver
You own/lease and drive your own truck and manage your own business.

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#### Trucking business/company
You own/lease two or more trucks and employ other drivers. If your trucking business has been successful you may choose to expand the scale of your enterprise and move to a company structure with increased staff and trucks under the company’s control.

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### Related Jobs

- Farm mechanic
- Farm manager
- Farmer
- Rural contractor
- Rural business manager/owner

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