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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)





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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.





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Career path	Training Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truck driver <p>You drive a truck and follow a schedule provided by your employer.</p>	<p>Appropriate driver's licence</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner driver <p>You own/lease and drive your own truck and manage your own business.</p>	<p>VOCATIONAL TRAINING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate 3 in Rural Business • Certificate 4 in Rural Business • Certificate 4 in Business (Small Business Management)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trucking business/company <p>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.</p>	<p>VOCATIONAL TRAINING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma in Rural/Business Management • Advanced Diploma in Rural/Business Management <p>TERTIARY EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree in Agribusiness • Degree in Rural Business Management (or equivalent)

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