

CERTIFICATE

- 16 weeks
- Start date varies
- Bay St. George Campus

INDUSTRIAL TRADES

Commercial Transport

This program offers training in the safe and effective operation of Tandem trucks and Tractor Trailer units. Emphasis is placed on preventive maintenance, defensive driving, and fuel conservation. Some of the duties include: deliver cargo and materials, maintain radio or telephone contact with base or supervisor to receive instructions or be dispatched to a new location, maintain a truck log according to provincial and federal regulations, keep records of materials and products transported, cleans, inspects and services vehicle, perform trailer operations and demonstrating driving skills, particularly in extreme conditions, perform pre-trip, en-route and post trip vehicle inspections. Expect to work non-standard hours, often alone and may take long distance trips requiring you to be away from home. You should be in good health and have good vision, have the ability to use on-board computer devices, the ability to remain alert and maintain a high level of concentration, have good interpersonal skills, good time management skills and the ability to react quickly in emergency situations.

Students successfully completing the program qualify for a Class 1 license with Class 3 and 9A endorsements.

Note: If you are under the age of 25 you may encounter problems obtaining employment because of the cost and complications of insurance experienced by employers.

OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate defensive driving techniques, proper economical vehicle operation, and emergency procedures.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of types of trucks, power trains, engines, drive lines, brake systems, tires and trailers.
3. Demonstrate techniques to drive on course roads, through town and on the Trans Canada Highway.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of proper freight handling procedures and methods of preparing and handling documentation connected with transfers of cargo and monies.
5. Demonstrate safe work practices and personal protection.

Note: Under review by Provincial Government

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

You may find employment with a variety of trucking companies, manufacturing and distribution companies, retail outlets and moving companies.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility for admission requires the applicant to meet one of the following academic criteria:

1. High School

High School Graduation

2. Comprehensive Arts and Science (CAS) Transition

Comprehensive Arts and Science (Transition) Certificate

3. Adult Basic Education

Adult Basic Education (Level III) Graduation with General College Profile (or Business Related College Profile or Degree and Technical Profile). It is strongly recommended that courses include the following:

- i. Mathematics MA3107A, MA3107B, MA3107C
- ii. Science 3101, 3102, 3103

4. Mature Student Status

Applicants who do not meet the educational prerequisites, are 19 years of age or older and have been out of school for at least one year, may be considered on an individual basis under the Mature Student Clause.

AND

5. Drivers License and Medical

- i. A valid Newfoundland and Labrador driver's license - minimum of full Class 5. Must have been held for a minimum of 1 year.
- ii. Driver's abstract with maximum of 4 points and no motor vehicle related Criminal Code convictions in the last 5 years.
- iii. Valid medical certificate for Class 1; completed on form required by the Department of Works, Services and Transportation. This form is available from any driver examiner.

AND

6. Age Requirement

Must be 18 years of age on or before course completion.

