

Delivery Driver

The quickest job to start on this site. Watch for the versions where you pay for the van, the fuel and the insurance.

TYPICAL PAY

\$42,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$31k to \$61k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

up to 1 year

after high school

DEMAND

Good

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

No

anyone can do it

WHERE YOU WORK

City streets, depots, warehouses, customer doorsteps

How you get there

- 1 Get a full driver's licence** Before you start
 A regular car licence covers most delivery vans. Most employers want you to be 18 or older.
- 2 Build a year of clean driving** About 1 year
 Job Bank notes that employers usually want about a year of safe driving experience.
- 3 Apply directly** Weeks
 Courier companies, grocery chains, pharmacies, food distributors and auto parts suppliers all hire delivery drivers.
- 4 Company training** Days
 Route software, handheld scanners, safe lifting and the company's delivery rules. Usually a few days on the job.
- 5 Move up if you want to** 1 to 3 years
 From here: a bigger licence class and trucking, a dispatcher desk, or a supervisor role in the depot.

Pros and cons

- + You can start within weeks with no tuition
- + Independent work with nobody watching over your shoulder
- + Steady demand year round and a rush at Christmas
- Starting pay is close to minimum wage
- Hard on your knees, your back and your vehicle
- Time pressure on every single stop

Good to know

The lowest benefit rate in this category

Job Bank reports that only about 57% of Canadian delivery drivers receive any non-wage benefit, compared with about 95% of letter carriers and about 77% of bus operators.

The pay is nearly the same everywhere

Job Bank's provincial medians for delivery drivers cluster tightly, from about \$17 an hour in Saskatchewan to about \$22 in Yukon. There is no province where this job suddenly pays much better.

Optional boosts

Get onto a company vehicle fleet. Dangerous goods training. Upgrade your licence class. Forklift ticket.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Delivery Driver in Canada, wages (updated Nov 2025)

Job Bank: Delivery driver, job requirements

Ontario: Official Ministry of Transportation Driver's Handbook, getting your licence

Numbers checked September 2026. Pay figures are typical full-time annual amounts in Canadian dollars, based on Government of Canada Job Bank wage data and published salary grids. They vary by province, employer and experience. Tuition is for domestic students. Sources, links and the click-through version: <https://career.help/ca/careers/delivery-driver>



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