



WORKING IN THE ROAD TRANSPORT SECTOR IN NORWAY

(Updated June 2017)



About the road transport sector

The road transport sector is a large business in Norway. Professional drivers are important throughout the country and they drive long distances annually across the road networks of Norway and abroad.

Commercial transport: Goods and passenger transport

Being a commercial driver can be demanding and it is more than just driving a truck or a bus from one place to another. Drivers must also be able to deal with different types of agreements and documents as well as having good knowledge of traffic regulations and driving conditions in general. Drivers in passenger transport must also be able to deal with customers and passengers. As a driver, one must be familiar with regulations that apply to the sector, including rules about driving hours and rest times, securing dangerous cargoes and requirements for having chains on board.

Read more about the driving conditions and regulations in the [Trucker's Guide](#) issued by The Norwegian Public Roads Administration (the guide is available in several languages).

Important about driving conditions: many of the Norwegian roads are narrow, many are winding, and driving conditions in the winter can be very challenging, even at times extremely difficult.

Demand for workers

Freight (goods) transport:

There is a demand for C/CE drivers. There is also a demand for drivers of tippers, crane trucks (G8), ADR transport, tank trucks and waste transport. There is no particular demand for drivers of light vehicles (with B licence).

The most relevant terms and job titles in Norwegian:

*Lastebilsjåfø*r: lorry/truck driver

*Sjåfø*r kl C or *sjåfø*r kl 2 : lorry/truck driver

*Vogntogfø*rer: semi-trailer driver

Tippbil: tipper

Lastebilkran: crane truck

Tankbil: tank truck

*Renovasjonssjåfø*r: waste/sanitation driver

Passenger transport:

There is some demand for bus drivers (with D/DE licence). There is no particular demand for drivers with B licence (eg. taxi drivers)

Most relevant job titles in Norwegian:

Bussjåføør or *bussfører*: bus driver

Language, education and qualifications requirements

Driver's licence and driver CPC:

A class C or CE driving licence is required for freight (goods) transport, and a class D or DE driving licence for passenger transport. In addition to the driving licence, it is obligatory for a professional/commercial driver of heavy vehicles to have a [driver certificate of professional competence](#) (driver CPC).

Other competence that may be important:

Special training related to the transportation of dangerous goods and other specific driver certificates could be useful when applying for a job as a commercial transport driver. Computer skills are also important because both manual and electronic tools are used to process transport documentation, communication, and for carrying out transport assignments efficiently.

Language:

Most jobs in transport require a knowledge of Norwegian or of another Scandinavian language (Danish or Swedish), especially if the job requires a contact with customers, suppliers or passengers. For some jobs, good English skills can be sufficient.

Norwegian language courses: there are various providers of language courses in Norway, and online courses. You can find most of them at [Skills Norway](#), the National Agency for Lifelong Learning.

How to find work?

All the job vacancies published by The Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration (NAV) are on the European job mobility portal [EURES](#).

You may also contact the national contact point, NAV Service Centre EURES, to enquire about job vacancies:

- phone: (+47) 55 55 33 39 - Monday- Friday, 08:00 to 15.30 (CET)

- e-mail: eures@nav.no

- [chat](#): every Friday, 10:00 to 13.00 (CET)

Most job vacancies in Norway are written in Norwegian. There are though job vacancies written in English, you can find them [here](#).

There are also job vacancies in transport on the job database [Finn](#). Use the terms and job titles in Norwegian given above to search for relevant job vacancies.

Note that it is common in Norway to send open job applications, directly to companies of interest. Most companies have a website and you can find companies in the transport sector on the [Yellow Pages](#). Use the word "godstransport" to search for companies in freight (goods) transport or the word "busselskap" to search for bus companies.

More tips for your job search on [work in Norway](#).

Wages

Freight (goods) transport and passenger transport have their own applicable collective wage agreement, and minimum wage per hour. Read more about those in the chapter [working conditions in Norway](#) by the Norwegian Labour Inspection Authority.

Trade Unions

In Norway, the trade unions play an important role in working life. About 50% of the workers in Norway are members of a trade union. You may wish to contact a trade union to get more information about working conditions and wages in the transport sector. There are several trade unions in this sector:

- [Norwegian Transport Workers Union](#) trade union for the transport sector
NB! Useful information in English and other languages.
- [Yrkestrafikkforbundet](#) trade union for the transport sector
- [Norwegian Union of Municipal and General employees](#): trade unions for various trades, incl. local authority transport sector, waste collection, internal transport and others. NB! Information in several languages
- [Norwegian Union of Food, Beverage and Allied Workers](#) which represents, amongst others, drivers of food and beverages. NB! Information in several languages

Employers organisations

- [Federation of Norwegian Transport Companies](#)
- [Norwegian Hauliers' Association](#)
- [Norwegian Logistics and Freight Association](#)

Related information

[The Norwegian public roads Administration](#) gives information about foreign driver licences, traffic information, Norwegian traffic rules and more. See also the [Trucker's Guide](#).

Taxes, working conditions and relocation

Visit [Work in Norway, the official guide](#) to get step by step information about registering, paying taxes and working conditions.