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**Annual Commercial Vehicle Driver Survey:  
Work and Compensation**

**Background**

This survey is intended to collect information about your work history, compensation, and work schedule as a commercial motor vehicle driver. You will be given \$10.00 for your participation.

Interviewers will collect the following information:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the driver male or female?  Male  Female

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The following questions will be used to determine if you are eligible for the survey:

Do you have a CDL?  Yes  No

Are you willing to participate?  Yes  No  Language Barrier

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**Work History**

1. How many years have you been driving a commercial vehicle? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What year did you obtain your first CDL? \_\_\_\_\_  Check if "grandfathered in"
3. Current license class?  A  B  C  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
4. What endorsements do you have?
  - Passenger  Yes  No
  - Double-Triple Trailer  Yes  No
  - Tank Vehicle  Yes  No
  - Hazmat  Yes  No
  - School Bus  Yes  No
  - Intrastate (Restriction)  Yes  No
  - None  Yes  No
  - Other. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What type of operation are you currently involved in?
- For-hire: your employer transports freight **for another company**
  - Private: your employer transports **their own** freight or carries only non-paying passengers

*For example, a private company might be a chain of grocery stores that transports goods from their warehouse to their stores.*

6. Are you currently: **(Check one.)**
- employed as a full or part-time employee of a motor carrier
  - an owner-operator normally leased only to one motor carrier, or
  - an owner-operator leased to several motor carriers?
  - None of the above. Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Which category best describes the shipments handled by you/your company?
- Truckload (Shipments greater than 10,000 lbs. that do not require a terminal or break-bulk operation)
  - Less-than-truckload (Terminal or break-bulk operation required)
  - Package (Shipments of packages under 100 lbs. that require a terminal or break-bulk operation)
  - Bus/Passengers
  - Primarily Hazardous Material Cargo
  - Other: Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is the average length (in miles) of your average haul **(NOTE: NOT total shift travel; simply from terminal pickup to first drop off)**? \_\_\_\_\_

9. How many nights of the week are you on the road working away from home? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you drive in more than one state?
- Yes
  - No

11. What best describes your trips?
- Long haul (motor carrier operations with an average length of haul greater than 400 miles)
  - Regional (motor carrier operations with an average length of haul between 150–400 miles)
  - Short haul (Motor carrier operations conducted solely within a 150 air-mile radius from their terminals and require drivers to return to their work-reporting location every night)

12. What type of truck or passenger-vehicle do you most frequently drive? **(Check one.)**
- Truck with Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) **26,000 lbs or less**
  - Straight** truck with GVWR **over 26,000 lbs.** (e.g., a truck with the cargo body and tractor mounted on the same chassis)
  - Articulated** truck with GVWR **over 26,000 lbs.** (e.g., a truck with a tractor and a trailer)
  - Commercial vehicle designed or used to transport **9-15** paying passengers
  - Commercial vehicle designed or used to transport **16** or more passengers

13. How did you learn to drive commercial trucks?

- Family/friend  Yes  No
- Vocational technical school program  Yes  No
- CDL focused school program  Yes  No
- Company provided program  Yes  No
- Farm  Yes  No
- Military  Yes  No
- Other: Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

14. If you learned to drive in a driver's training program, who paid for the training program?

- Not Applicable
- Self/Family Member
- Carrier/company paid or provided
- Military/Government
- Other: Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Approximately how much did the training program cost you or your employer?

- Less than \$1,000  \$1,001 - \$3,000  \$3,001 - \$5,000  More than \$5,000
- I don't know  Not Applicable

**[If necessary...Ask again...Did you say you are an owner operator or not?]**

**If you are *not* an owner-operator leased to several motor carriers, answer Q16-Q18b; otherwise, skip to Q19.**

16. How many years have you worked for your *current* employer? \_\_\_\_\_

17. How many trucks (owned and leased) are in the fleet of the company you work for (all types of trucks)?

- 1 - 10  11 - 50  51 - 100  101 - 500  More than 500

18. How many motor carriers have you worked for:

**a. In the past year?**

- 1  2  3  4  more than 5

**b. In the past 2 years?**

- 1  2  3  4  more than 5

**c. In the past 3 years?**

- 1  2  3  4  more than 5

19. Do you belong to belong to a union for commercial vehicle/truck drivers?

- Yes  No

19a. Is the company that you drive for unionized?

- Yes  No

19b. Are you working for this company as a unionized driver?  
 Yes    No

**Driver Compensation**

20. How are you usually paid? **(Check one.)**

Salary       By hour       By mile       By load

21. What is your approximate (gross) annual income **just** from driving?

Less than \$10,000       \$10,001 - \$20,000       \$20,001 - \$30,000  
 \$30,001 - \$40,000       \$40,001 - \$50,000       \$50,001 - \$60,000  
 \$60,001 - \$70,000       \$70,001 - \$80,000       More than \$80,000

22. What expenses do you have to pay for your driving job?

- Truck note                       Yes               No
- Fuel                                 Yes               No
- Truck repairs                    Yes               No
- Meals                               Yes               No
- Overnight Stays                 Yes               No
- Loading or Unloading          Yes               No
- Tolls                                Yes               No
- Insurance (load)                Yes               No
- Insurance (truck)               Yes               No
- None                                Yes               No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

23. Do you have a second paying job **at any time of year** (not for a motor carrier)?

Yes       No (**go to Q. 27**)

**If yes:**

24. How many hours per week do you work at your second job?

1-10 hours a week                       11-20 hours a week  
 21-30 hours a week                       31-40 hours a week  
 Over 40 hours a week

25. How many weeks per year do you work your second job? \_\_\_\_\_

26. What is your approximate annual gross income from your second paying job (not driving commercial vehicle)?

Less than \$10,000       \$10,001 - \$20,000       \$20,001 - \$30,000  
 \$30,001 - \$40,000       \$40,001 - \$50,000       \$50,001 - \$60,000  
 \$60,001 - \$70,000       \$70,001 - \$80,000       More than \$80,000

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**Work Schedule**

27. How would you describe your current driving job? **(Check one.)**

- Full-time       Part-time       Seasonal/Temporary

28. How many hours do you spend **working** (driving time+loading+maintenance+etc.) for motor carriers during a typical seven day period? \_\_\_\_\_

29. How many hours do you spend **just driving** a commercial vehicle in a typical seven day period? \_\_\_\_\_

30. How many weeks did you **not work** in the past year? \_\_\_\_\_

31. Do you drive a regular schedule (similar hours or trips, day-to-day or week-to-week)?

- Yes       No

32. About what time do you **typically start** driving?

- 6AM-12PM       12PM-6PM       6PM-12AM       12AM-6AM       Can't say

33. At what time do you **typically stop** driving?

- 6AM-12PM       12PM-6PM       6PM-12AM       12AM-6AM       Can't say

34. Approximately how many total **miles** did you drive a commercial vehicle in the past year?

- Less than 25,000       25,001 – 50,000       50,001 – 75,000       75,001 – 100,000  
 100,001 – 125,000       125,000 – 150,000       Over 150,000       I don't know

35. Does your employer track your truck's location electronically?

- Yes       No

36. How do you record your hours of service? **(Check all that apply.)**

- Paper Logbook  Yes       No
- A computer prints out a log for me to sign [Electronic Logbook]  Yes       No
- A computer records my hours of service (there is no print out) [Electronic On-Board Recorder]  Yes       No
- Rarely recorded because normally use "100 air-mile radius exception"  Yes       No
- Rarely or never recorded because of some other authorized exception  Yes       No
- Other. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

37. How many times **a day** is your truck loaded and unloaded?

Loaded      <1   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10   10+

Unloaded      <1   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10   10+

38. What is the typical amount of time you have to **wait to load**?
- Less than 15 min     Less than 30 min     Less than 1 hour     1 up to 2 hours  
 2 up to 4 hours     4 up to 6 hours     6 hours or more, but less than one day
- More than 1 day
39. What is the typical amount of time you have to **wait to unload**?
- Less than 15 min     Less than 30 min     Less than 1 hour     1 up to 2 hours  
 2 up to 4 hours     4 up to 6 hours     6 hours or more, but less than one day
- More than 1 day
40. Are you responsible for loading or unloading your truck?
- Yes     No
41. Are you paid for loading or unloading your truck?
- Loading         Yes     No     Not Applicable  
    Unloading      Yes     No     Not Applicable
42. How often are you in a situation where you have to break the hours of service rules?
- Weekly         Monthly         Every Couple Months         Couple Times per Year  
 Never
43. In the past 3 years, have you been involved in any commercial motor vehicle crash where there was property damage/injury or fatality?
- Yes     No
- How many crashes have you been involved in the past 3 years?
- 0         1         2         3         4         5+
44. How often do you wear your safety belt when driving your commercial motor vehicle?
- Always     Nearly always     Sometimes     Seldom         Never
45. When was the last time you did **not** wear your safety belt when driving your commercial motor vehicle?
- I always wear it  
 Within the past day  
 Within the past week  
 Within the past month  
 Within the past year  
 A year or more ago

46. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following reasons for **not** using your safety belt.

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Undecided</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
Too much trouble and effort					
Belt does not fit well					
Restricts movement in vehicle					
Worried about being trapped in vehicle					
Frequently getting in and out of cab					
Other (Specify)					

47. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

*(If unwilling to answer, use ranges)*

- Under 25     
  25-34     
  35-44     
  45-54     
  55-64  
 65- 74     
  75 or more

48. Do you have access to the internet?

- Yes     
  No (**Complete the interview**)

49. If yes, approximately how much time do you spend using the internet each day?

- Less than 30 minutes     
  30 minutes to 1 hour     
  more than 1 hour

50. Where do you access the internet?

- Home  Yes       No
- Truck (not QUALCOMM or dispatch computers)  Yes       No
- Workplace  Yes       No
- Truck stop  Yes       No
- Do not have internet access  Yes       No
- Other. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for completing this survey.**