

CAREER PROFILES

Taxi and Limousine Drivers and Chauffeurs:

Taxi and limousine drivers and chauffeurs drive automobiles and limousines to transport passengers. Chauffeurs drive automobiles and limousines to transport personnel and visitors of businesses, government or other organizations or members of private households.

Wage/Salary Information:

\$26,442.56 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$14.00/hour is the median wage reported locally.

Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Detail oriented
- Oral and written communication
- Work independently
- Self-motivated
- Customer service oriented
- Organizational skills
- Problem solving
- Adaptability
- Management
- Time management
- Leadership
- Driving

Job Duties:

Taxi drivers perform the following main duties:

- Pick up passengers and drive them to destinations in taxicabs or limousines.
- Help passengers with luggage and with boarding and exiting vehicles and assist passengers with special needs.
- Collect flat-rate or taximeter fares.
- Maintain travel logs and record cash and credit transactions.
- Maintain contact with taxi dispatch unit.
- Clean and make minor repairs to vehicle or take vehicle for servicing.
- May provide pick up and delivery services on request.

Chauffeurs perform the following main duties:

- Pick up or meet employer according to request, appointment or schedule.
- Drive employer to destinations in automobile or limousine.
- Perform business and personal errands for employer such as delivering and picking up mail, business documents and parcels.
- Clean and make minor repairs to vehicle or take vehicle for servicing.

Working Conditions:

Taxi and limousine drivers may work evenings, weekends and holidays when demand for their services is highest. Chauffeurs' hours are usually dictated by the client and may require being on-call much of the time. Taxi drivers work either day or night shifts for 12 hours at a time. The National Safety Code prohibits taxi drivers from working more than 60 hours per week. Taxi drivers generally have more flexible work schedules than both chauffeurs and limousine drivers.

Limousine drivers and chauffeurs are usually required to wear a dress suit, tuxedo or a company-provided uniform.

Workers in this occupation routinely lift heavy baggage and sit for extended periods of time, which can be uncomfortable and create a risk for back or neck injury. Taxi and limousine drivers may also have to deal with difficult passengers from time to time.

The workplace is potentially hazardous since taxi drivers work alone, hold large amounts of cash and may transport passengers to remote areas. Taxi drivers also do not carry any form of protection and individuals who work at night face increased safety risks.

Career Pathways:

Taxi and limousine drivers are employed by taxi and other transportation service companies, or they may be self-employed. Chauffeurs are employed by businesses, government and other organizations, or private individuals or families. Below are potential career pathways for taxi and limousine drivers and chauffeurs:

- Airport limousine driver
- Company chauffeur
- Limousine driver
- Private chauffeur
- Taxi driver

Check out more possible career pathways on [WEexplore](#).

Education and Training Pathways:

If you're interested in becoming a taxi and/or limousine driver/chauffeur, you may need the following requirements:

- Some secondary school education is usually required.
- A minimum of one year of safe driving experience is usually required.
- A Class G driver's licence is required in Ontario, and a Class 4 driver's licence is required in all other provinces and the territories.
- Taxi and limousine drivers require good knowledge of the geographical area to be covered and may have to pass written street/building location and safety examinations.
- Taxi drivers usually require a municipal permit.
- First aid certification may be required.

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