



## CAREER PROFILES

### Bus Drivers, Subway Operators, and Other Transit Operators:

**Bus Drivers, Subway Operators, and other Transit Operators**, drive buses and operate streetcars, subway trains, and light rail transit vehicles to transport passengers on established routes.

### Wage/Salary Information:

\$31,650 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$20.45/hour is the median wage reported locally.

### Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Oral and written communication
- Customer service oriented
- Detail oriented
- Teamwork
- Computer use
- Interpersonal
- Bilingual
- Problem solving
- Conflict resolution
- Quality control
- Self-motivated
- Adaptable
- Freight+
- Numeracy
- Work independently

### Job Duties:

Bus Drivers and Streetcar Operators drive buses or streetcars to transport passengers along established routes to local destinations. Bus Drivers and Streetcar Operators provide passengers with information on fares, schedules, and stops, and collect fares, issue and validate transfers, check bus passes, and record transactions. They conduct pre-trip and post-trip inspections of the vehicle and report delays, mechanical problems, and accidents. Some bus drivers are required to transport passengers and goods to intercity or long distance destinations.

School Bus Drivers drive school buses to transport children between school and home or other locations. School Bus Drivers ensure children's safety when boarding and leaving buses and crossing the street while the bus is stopped. They maintain control of student activities during travel to prevent distractions or behaviours that could compromise safety. School Bus Drivers also may transport adults outside of school hours on chartered trips.

Subway Train and Light Rail Transit Operators operate subway or light transit vehicles as part of a two-person crew. Subway Train and Light Rail Transit Operators observe signals at crossings and arrival and departure points and operate controls to open and close transit vehicle doors. They report delays, malfunctions, and accidents to control units, and ensure passenger safety and welfare in emergencies, and direct passengers during evacuation procedures.

### Working Conditions:

Bus drivers and Transit Operators spend most of their working day driving vehicles, which are usually equipped with comfortable driver seats. Most people entering these occupations can expect to work part time through evenings, weekends and sometimes holidays before working full time.

Split shifts are also common. Those who have been in the industry longer can expect more regular shifts and full-time hours (40 hours per week).

Public Transit Operators are more likely to be part of a union and work full time.

As Bus Drivers and Transit Operators must sit for long periods, they are susceptible to back and neck injuries. These workers may also have to handle difficult passengers from time to time.

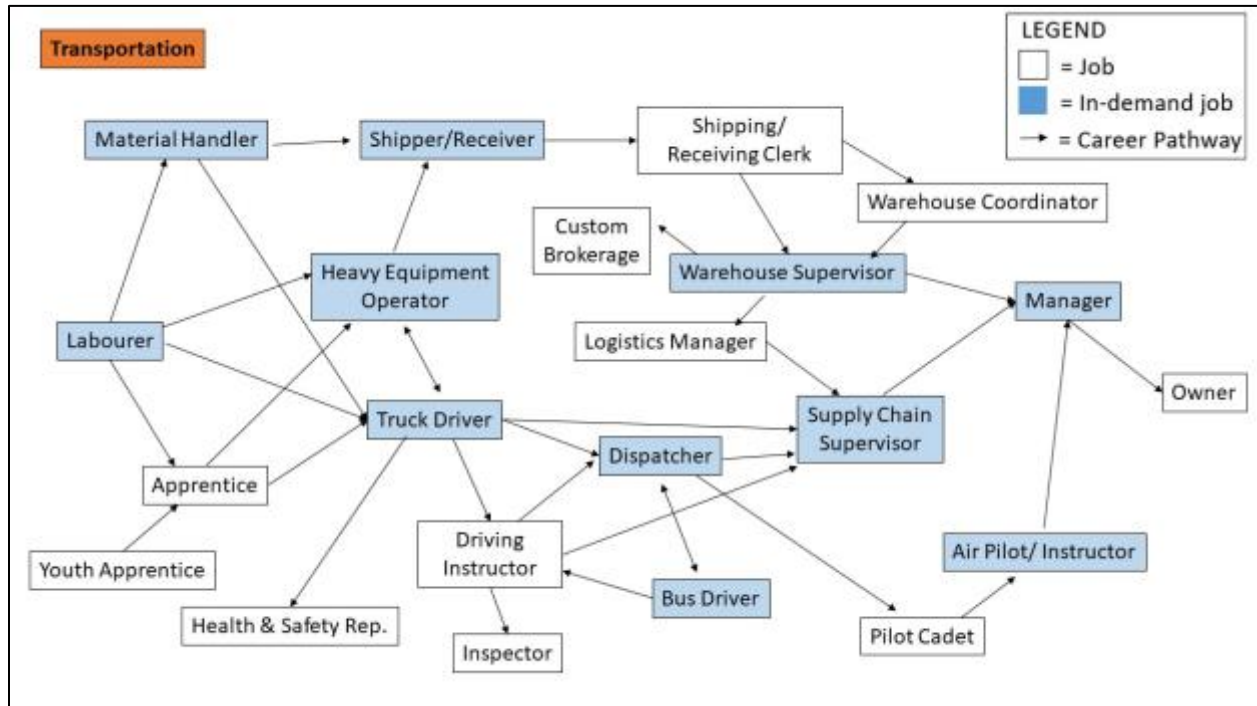
### Career Pathways:

With cities becoming increasingly congested and society more environmentally conscious, the number of Transit Operators is expected to increase. Canada's growing population, especially in urban centres, is expected to mean an increasing demand for public transit and, in turn, Drivers.

Bus Drivers are employed by urban transit systems, school boards or transportation authorities, and private transportation companies. Streetcar, Subway, and Light Rail Transit Operators are employed by urban transit systems. Below are potential career paths for Bus Drivers, Subway Operators, and Other Transit Operators.

- Bus Driver
- Bus Operator
- Charter Bus Driver
- Light Rail Transit Operator
- Motor Coach Driver
- Public Passenger Transit Driver

- School Bus Driver
- Sightseeing Tour Driver
- Streetcar Operator
- Subway Train Operator
- Transit Operator - Transportation



### Education and Training Pathways:

If you're interested in becoming a Bus Drivers, Subway Operator, or Other Transit Operator, you can acquire training/education locally at any of the following institutions.

#### Ontario Truck Driving School:

#### **Class B Licence (School Bus)**

#### **Admission/Eligibility Requirements:**

- At least 21 years of age
- Have valid Ontario licence other than G1, G2, M, M1, or M2
- Pass an eye test
- Submit a medical report
- Successfully complete a government-approved School Bus Driver Improvement Course (SBDIC)
- Pass a criminal record check

- Have fewer than 6 demerit points on your driving record
- Pass a knowledge test
- Pass a road test

**Academic Credential:** N/A

**Professional Certification:** Unknown

**Attendance:** In-person

**Full-time or Part-time:** Full-time and part-time

**Program Length:** 60 hours

**Program Cycle:** Continual start

**Program Cost:** \$1,997

**OSAP Eligible:** No

**Location:** 201-310 Hanna Street East, Windsor, N8X 4W6

For more information on this program, please visit:

<http://otds.com/class-bz/>

### **Class C Licence (Bus)**

#### **Admission/Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Hold a valid Ontario licence other than G1, G2, M, M1, or M2
- Pass an eye test
- Submit a medical report
- Pass a knowledge test
- Pass a road test

**Academic Credential:** N/A

**Professional Certification:** Unknown

**Attendance:** In-person

**Full-time or Part-time:** Full-time and part-time

**Program Length:** Unknown

**Program Cycle:** Continual start

**Program Cost:** Unknown

**OSAP Eligible:** No

**Location:** 201-310 Hanna Street East, Windsor, N8X 4W6

For more information on this program, please visit:

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