

HEAVY DUTY TRUCK OPERATOR, 3584

Summary of Duties : Drives a heavy duty truck or truck-trailer combination; operates mechanical attachments on the truck; may act as lead worker or helper in a crew when not driving; and does related work.

Distinguishing Features : A Heavy Duty Truck Operator drives a truck tractor-semitrailer or truck-trailer combination, a special purpose truck, or other heavy duty truck safely, lawfully and skillfully. An employee of this class is responsible for safe and proper loading and unloading, and is distinguished from other transportation equipment operators in that this employee normally drives a truck which has three or more axles, a dual transmission or auxiliary gearing devices, and a gross vehicle weight loaded of more than 28,000 pounds. A Heavy Duty Truck Operator, while operating a truck, may also act as a lead worker in a small crew doing unskilled or semi-skilled tasks in which the use of a truck is necessary. The work of an employee of this class may include off the road or long haul operations. When the work does not require constant driving, a Heavy Duty Truck Operator may be assigned to other tasks such as operating mechanical attachments on the truck, loading and unloading trucks or working with a small crew. An employee of this class may be responsible for the cleanliness and general appearance of the assigned vehicle. Assignments are usually specific in nature, although they are often carried out without direct supervision.

Examples of Duties : Drives heavy duty trucks, truck-trailers, or truck tractor-semitrailer combinations in hauling rock and oil, asphalt, concrete, aggregates, decomposed granite, rubble, debris, and other materials and equipment; operates motor flushers with auxiliary pump motors; hitches semitrailers, and pole dollies; drives low bed and tandem truck-trailers carrying heavy electrical or construction equipment such as transformers and oil switches; inspects the load for proper placement and securing; supervises, assists in, or personally performs such tasks as loading and unloading materials and construction equipment on trucks and trailers, and hitching or coupling semitrailers, trailers, and other vehicle combinations;

Inspects equipment for sufficient fuel, oil, and coolant, proper inflation and condition of tires, and proper condition of safety equipment;

May operate winches and booms in loading and unloading materials; may operate trucks with hydraulically operated ladders used in washing insulators on poles and steel towers; may drive trucks on which shovels, cranes, earthboring machines, or other pieces of special equipment are permanently mounted; may change tires and fan belts and make other minor repairs to the truck; may clean and service

equipment; may make routine operating reports such as fuel used, trip tickets, and material hauled; may operate other types of motor vehicle equipment as an incidental assignment; and may be assigned to other duties for training purposes or to meet technological changes or emergencies.

Qualifications : A good knowledge of the operating and routine maintenance requirements of various types of trucks having a gross vehicle weight loaded of 28,000 pounds or more; a good knowledge of the California Vehicle Code and traffic regulations; a good knowledge of safe and proper methods of loading, securing, and unloading various types of materials and equipment; a general knowledge of the operation of winches, hoists, and other auxiliary mechanical equipment frequently attached to trucks; the ability to operate heavy duty trucks, truck-trailer combinations, and truck tractor semitrailer combinations skillfully and safely; the ability to hitch a semitrailer or trailer properly; the ability to provide lead supervision for a small crew of laborers or helpers; the ability to learn truck routes to various locations; the ability to complete routine reports; and the ability to understand and follow directions.

One year of experience in driving a truck of more than 28,000 pounds gross vehicle weight loaded is required. Completion of an approved training course in truck operation, including at least one month of behind-the-wheel instruction in vehicles of more than 28,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, may be substituted for six months of the above experience.

License : A valid California Class 1 driver's license may be required at the time of appointment.

Physical Requirements : Strength to perform average lifting of up to 70 pounds and occasionally over 70 pounds; good hearing ability and good eyesight.

Persons with medical limitations may, with reasonable accommodations, be capable of performing the duties of some of the positions in this class. Such determination must be made on an individual basis in light of the person's limitations, the requirements of the position, and the appointing authority's ability to effect reasonable accommodations to the person's limitations.

As provided in Civil Service Commission Rule 2.5 and Section 4.55 of the Administrative Code, this specification is descriptive, explanatory and not restrictive. It is not intended to declare what all of the duties and responsibilities of any individual position shall be.