

Managers in Transportation

Description

Managers in transportation operations plan, organize, direct, control and evaluate the operations of transportation companies such as railways, airlines, bus lines, municipal transit systems, shipping lines and trucking companies, under the direction of a general manager or other senior manager. Managers in transportation freight traffic plan, organize, direct, control and evaluate companies or departments responsible for the transportation and movement of goods, under the direction of a general manager or other senior manager. They are employed by transportation, freight forwarding and shipping companies and by transportation departments of companies in retail and manufacturing sectors and utilities.

Duties:

Managers in transportation operations:

- Plan, organize, direct, control and evaluate the operations of a transportation company
- Set operations policies and standards, including determination of safety procedures for the handling of dangerous goods, and ensure compliance with transport regulations
- Oversee the dispatch, maintenance and service of vehicles, vessels or aircraft
- Control the company or departmental budget, including acquisitions
- Monitor company's or department's performance, prepare reports for senior management, and plan for changes to schedules and policies
- Recruit personnel and oversee their training.

Managers in transportation freight traffic

- Plan, organize, control and evaluate the activities of companies or departments responsible for co-ordinating, arranging and monitoring the transportation and movement of goods
- Arrange for shipping documentation and oversee the scheduling and dispatching of goods and the tracking and tracing of goods in transit
- Set performance goals, oversee the setting of transportation service rates and monitor revenue
- Develop plans and procedures for the transportation and storage of goods
- Negotiate with carriers, warehouse operators and insurance company representatives for services and preferential rates
- Control the departmental budget
- Recruit personnel and oversee their training.

Other titles:

- Urban Transit System Manager
- Traffic Manager
- Flight Operations Manager
- Marine Superintendent
- Freight Forwarding Manager

(Government of Canada National Occupation Classification)

Skills



Education/Training Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

- Completion of secondary school is required. (Transportation freight traffic)

Post-secondary diploma/degree

- A bachelor's degree in business administration or engineering is usually required
- A college diploma or university degree in business or transportation administration may be required. (Transportation freight traffic)

Certification

- Several years of experience in transportation operations are usually required, including supervisory experience
- Extensive experience as a supervisor and operator in a particular transport mode, such as a pilot, train engineer, vessel master or truck driver, may substitute for formal education
- Certification as an operator of a particular mode of transportation, such as commercial pilot, vessel master or truck driver, is usually required
- Several years of clerical, operational or administrative experience related to freight traffic are required. (Transportation freight traffic)

Potential Earnings in Durham Region

The average and median wages and salaries for individuals employed as managers in transportation are as follows. Place of Residence (POR) is defined as individuals who reside within the Durham Region. Place of Work (POW) is defined as individuals who are employed within the Durham Region.

Median Wages and Salaries (POR): \$69,449	Average Wages and Salaries (POR): \$77,689
Median Wages and Salaries (POW): \$54,005	Average Wages and Salaries (POW): \$73,695

Employment Prospects

Industry (NAICS)	Jobs in Durham Region (POW)	Durham Region Residents Employed (POR)
3361 Motor vehicle manufacturing	110	60
4841 General freight trucking	20	55

4885 Freight transportation arrangement	40	80
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(Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development 2016 data in Durham Workforce Authority's 2017 Sector Report

Additional Resources

- Commercial Truck Driving Licence:
<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/driver/truck-driver-licence.shtml>