

# What is a **TEAMSTER?**

A Teamster moves crews and materials using a pickup truck to a rock truck to a nine axle lowboy. There is no sector of industry, be it heavy construction, agriculture, manufacturing, road building, oil and gas, which does not require the services of a Teamster.

## **TEAMSTERS**

The role of a Teamster is to drive a wide range of motorized vehicles in a safe and skillful manner.

A Teamster may find themselves operating a 40 ton capacity rock truck surrounded by other equipment, vehicles, live utilities and personnel on the ground.

The same Teamster may be required to transport materials using a semi trailer flat deck. Here size, mass and load securement plus proper use of a logbook are necessary skills beyond the safe and skilled operation of the vehicle.

Teamsters are certified in multiple safety courses including: Pipeline Construction Safety Training, Professional Driver Improvement Course, Construction Safety Training System, Transportation of Dangerous Goods and H2S Alive.



# TRAINING FOR MEMBERS

## Online courses

- PDIC (Professional Drivers Improvement Course)
- WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Material Identification System)
- PCST (Pipeline Construction Safety Training)
- TDG (Transportation of Dangerous Goods)
- Construction Safety Training System (CSTS)

## Trade Craft

Day 1— Hours of Service (Logbook)

Day 2—Mass, Size and Cargo Securement

Day 3—Commercial Driver Vehicle Inspection

## Bursaries

- Forklift
- Zoom Boom
- H2S Alive
- Level 1 First Aid
- Level B; Apprentice & Trainee Crane Operator
- Articulated Rock Truck



## SKILLS & ABILITIES

To be successful in the occupation, Teamsters need:

- physical strength and stamina
- manual dexterity
- the ability to work independently
- good math and communication skills
- high knowledge of road rules, permits, cargo securement, weight restrictions
- to maintain certification in a wide range of qualifications but most importantly job specific safety training

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