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JOB PROFILE

Truck driver

Motorista kamiaun

Transport & logistics · ISCO-08 8332

Truck drivers drive heavy trucks and lorries to carry goods, liquids and heavy materials over short and long distances. They plan the route, secure the load and look after the truck. Drivers belong to the plant and machine operators group, which is one in ten workers in Timor-Leste.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**No national course listed** The published list is incomplete
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**To confirm** No demand data for truck drivers yet
ABROAD	**No official programme yet** Australia: any job with an offer
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$217 / month** Average for all plant & machine operators in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Drive: Drive heavy trucks, with or without a trailer; Drive dump trucks, concrete mixers or trucks that carry liquids; Choose the best route for the load.

Load safely: Help load and unload, using lifting or tipping equipment; Tie down and cover the load so nothing is lost or damaged; Estimate the weight and keep within the load limit.

Care for the truck: Check fuel, oil, water, brakes and tyres; Do small repairs yourself; Arrange bigger repairs and services.

Deliver: Deliver to building sites, shops, ports and farms; Keep delivery papers and receipts; Report faults, delays and accidents.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 8332, Heavy truck and lorry drivers.

WHERE YOU WORK

Construction (Sand, gravel, cement and machines); Transport & logistics (Goods between the port, warehouses and towns); Fuel, water & waste (Trucks that carry liquids, and garbage trucks); Farming & shops (Taking produce to market, stock to shops).

You drive for long hours, on narrow mountain roads and in rain, and you lift heavy loads. Long trips can keep you away from home overnight.

The 2022 Census counted 7,547 people working in transport and storage, and 7,271 of them were men.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Driving carefully, Knowing the roads, Staying alert for long hours, Basic mechanics, Physical strength.

You like: Driving, Big machines, Being on the move, Working on your own.

A heavy truck can kill. Never drive tired, drunk or with an overloaded truck.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **Driving licence for heavy vehicles** · How to get one and which class you need: to confirm.
- **No national certificate listed yet** · The published list of INDMO titles has no driving course, and that list is incomplete.
- **Special training for heavy goods vehicle drivers** · The government plans this, with compulsory classes before the driving test, in a new Highway Code

Licence rules, driving schools and costs: to confirm. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Driver** · Car, taxi, van or microlet (ISCO 8322)
- **Truck driver** · Heavy vehicles. Licence rules to confirm.
- **Earthmoving machine operator** · One of the top five hard-to-fill jobs in 2017 (ISCO 8342)
- **Your own trucking business** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · There is no official programme that sends Timorese truck drivers abroad yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation, but you need a job offer first.

Never pay a fixer. Join only through SEFOPE, the Timor-Leste government office for work abroad. No one can sell you a place, and a real overseas job never asks you for a recruitment fee.

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