



DANTE IBARRA

Driver/Driver Trainer
Ezzell trucking, Inc.

SCHOOL

High School Diploma/GED

FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB

"I enjoy driving, especially driving in rural landscapes where there are green trees everywhere."

WHY FORESTRY?

"When I was young I liked playing with trucks and was interested in big equipment. After high school, I began working for a local company that encouraged me to get a class A commercial driver license. I have since worked in all areas of the trucking industry and have hauled a variety of products. I began hauling wood residuals when an opportunity became available that allowed me to come home and spend time with my family each day. Drivers are always in need and the opportunities are endless."

ADVICE

"Be patient. Take the time to prepare and plan."



PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVER

PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING AND DELIVERING GOODS FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Drive short and long distances safely to deliver products to destinations on time
- Prioritize safety and safe driving, which includes:
 - Abide by all traffic laws
 - Observant of all drivers on the road
 - Record working hours as they relate to state and federal regulations
 - Follow safety procedures when loading, and unloading vehicles
 - Maintain equipment and address mechanical issues
- Communicate and coordinate with dispatchers and team members

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- To operate a Class A Commercial Driver License, individuals must attend a professional truck driving school, and pass required tests
- Additional driving experience within the industry is beneficial

AVERAGE SALARY

- National average is \$47,000 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics) Variation in data, dependent on experience/organization/driving record

SKILLS NEEDED

- Strong time management skills and ability to self motivate
- Team player
- Safety mindset



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