



Canadian Association of Movers' 2006 Annual Conference The HR Challenge for the Moving Industry

"Closing the GAP"

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"Companies don't make companies, People make companies"

We need the right people with the right skills to make companies work.

Grant Trump, President & CEO, Eco Canada



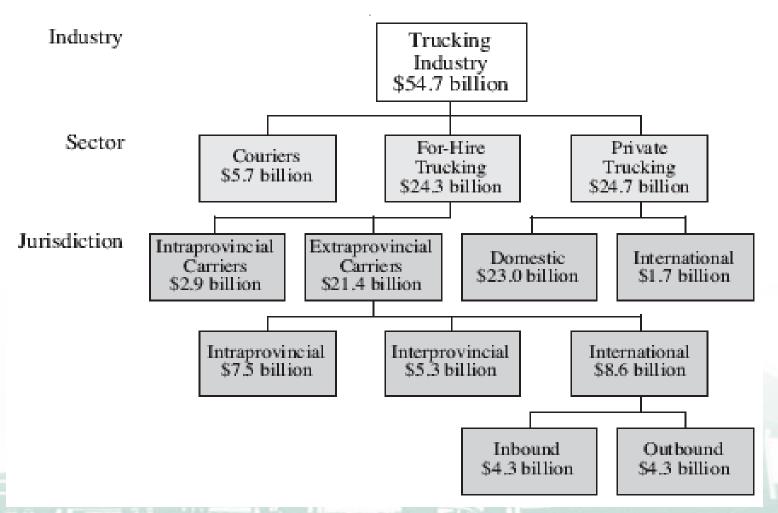
About the CTHRC

The Canadian Trucking Human Resources Council (CTHRC) is a modern non-profit organization with a board of directors representative of industry stakeholders.

Mission is "to assist the Canadian trucking industry to recruit, train and retain the human resources needed to meet current and long-term requirements".



Trucking in Canada





Today's Challenges

Trucking Industry's Perfect Storm

- ✓ Operating costs continue to escalate
 - Labour, fuel, equipment, insurance
- ✓ Appreciation of C\$
 - Depreciation of US\$
- ✓ Border security
- ✓ Hours of service regulations
- ✓ Capacity Crunch



Labour Costs



- Largest component of operating cost
- Continued upward pressure on wages especially drivers
- Over the road pay in US up 15% since 2003
- Wage competitiveness with other sectors (e.g., oil patch)
- Drivers demanding to be paid for all time
- High turnover costs in certain segments







Human Resource Issues



- Qualified driver shortage
- Worker retention and turnover
- Lack of a learning culture
- Weak uptake of national standards
- **❖** Lack of training to standards
- Training funds not tied to national standards
- Aging workforce
- Perceived image and attractiveness
- Low level of literacy
- Lack of HR management practices (Labour Code Part 2 & 3)









So where's the need?

- 282,000 employed as commercial drivers in 2002
- 662,400 valid Class 1/A licence holders in 2001
- Many of these in other jobs (hydro workers, snow plow operators)
- Some retired workers maintain licences
- 40,000 new Class 1/A and 3/D licensees per year



It's an issue of qualified drivers

- 2-3% experienced truckers retire every year
- 2-3 times that many leave for other industries
- Fleets and insurers want equivalent of 2 years experience
- 80% of surveyed fleet managers say existing licensees do not meet need
- Need for long-distance drivers is greatest



Demand for Qualified Drivers

		"New Drivers Required for Year Indicated"				
Year	# Drivers	Industry	Replacen	Total New Drivers		
		ear # Drivers Industry Growth		Drivers Changing Occupations	Drivers Retiring	Required
2002	282,100					
2003	287,800	5,700	17,000	5,800	28,500	
2004	300,200	12,400	18,000	6,000	36,400	
2005	318,300	18,100	19,000	6,400	43,500	
2006	324,600	6,300	19,500	6,500	32,300	
2007	334,800	10,200	20,000	6,700	36,900	
2008	343,600	8,800	20,500	6,900	36,200	

Source: CTHRC / Canada's Driving Force



Split between Class 1/A and Class 3/D

Driver Category	Estimated Average Annual Total drivers Required (2003 to 2008)	Basis for Split Between Class 1/A and Class 3/D	Estimated Number of Class 1/A Drivers Required	Estimated Number of Class 3/D driver Required
Industry Growth	10,200	41% Class 1/A and 59% Class 3/D based on national fleet mix (Trucking Activity in Canada, Transport Canada)	4,200	6,000
Replacement	20,700	75% Class 1/A and 25% Class 3/D (Profile of Unemployed driver, Canada's Driving Force)	15,500	5,200
Retirement or leaving workforce for other reasons	6,400	41% Class 1/A and 59% Class 3/D based on national fleet mix (Trucking Activity in Canada, Transport Canada)	2,600	3,800
Grand Total	37,300	10 1	22,300	15,000

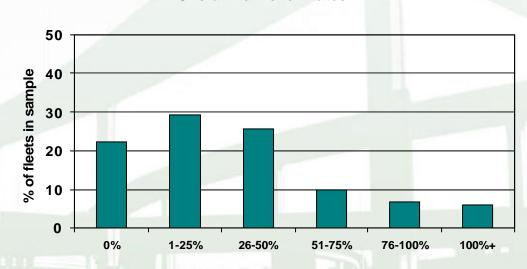
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Driver turnover

- Trucking's average: 36% turnover
 - higher than most industries
- Matches construction, forestry and agriculture
- Most evident in long-haul

Overall Turnover Rates





Most commonly cited reasons for drivers quitting, by turnover rate

Reason for drivers quitting	<10% (n=195)	10-49% (n=202)	50%+ (n=168)
Wanted better pay	33.5%	41.8%	49.5%
Changed occupation- no longer a driver	31.2%	39.5%	37.8% 26.0%
Wanted shorter hours	25.0%	28.4%	
Job did not meet driver's expectations	21.1%	29.6%	27.2%
Wanted better benefits	21.6%	11.7%	29.6%
Wanted fewer long-hauls	9.9%	16.9%	8.7%
Border/security issues	9.0%	9.1%	10.0%
Wanted different routes	5.2%	11.7%	9.8%
Received poor treatment from shippers	9.4%	5.7%	9.0%



Perceived Driver Shortages - 2006*

Ranked Top 5 Reasons for Shortages by Fleet Type

Reason	For	Hire (%)	Priv	vate (%)	Aver	age (%)	2004
	Ran	k %	Rank	%	Rank	%	Results
Working Conditions/Quality of Life	1	(45.4%)	1	(41.6%)	1	(43.5%)	38.5%
Compensation	2	(39.2%)	4	(34.1%)	2	(38.5%)	43.5%
Unattractive	3	(37.2%)	2	(36.9%)	3	(35.9%)	25%
Aging Workforce	4	(35.7%)	3	(36.6%)	3	(39.5%)	15%
Changes in Regulations	5	(25.6%)	5	(20.9%)	4	(24%)	24%
Inadequate Training	6	(20.5%)	6	(16.3%)	5	(18.4%)	



Skills separating qualified from unqualified

- ✓ Driving experience -- 88.8%
- ✓ General driving skills -- 88.8%
- ✓ Familiarity and knowledge of industry -73.2%
- ✓ Truck maintenance skills -- 71.7%
- ✓ Communication skills -- 57.5%
- ✓ Literacy and numeric skills -- 46.1%
- √ Time management skills -- 39.4%



What is the Council doing to support industry?







Project Objectives

National initiative to engage governments (federal, provincial territorial) and industry stakeholders to

- Increase awareness of the common challenges facing industry and government
- Share best practices and initiatives
- Potentially, engage participants in considering options





Project Overview

- Develop discussion papers (December '05)
- National meeting (February '06)
- Provincial/Territorial workshops (April-June '06)
- National meeting (Toronto, November 21 '06)



Review of licensing requirements reciprocity

Higher standards

occupation

and immigrant

increase possibility

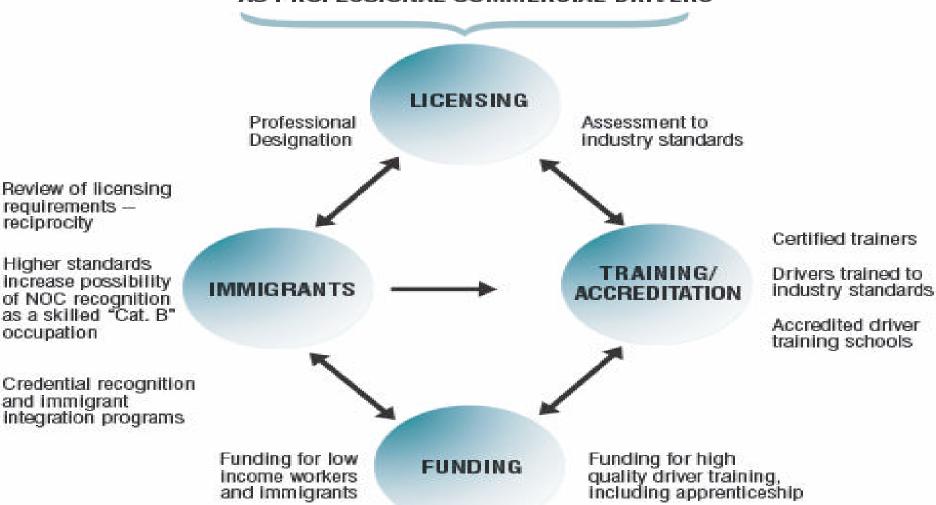
of NOC recognition as a skilled "Cat. B"

Issues

Higher standards lead to: • impetus for apprenticeship and internship programs

· occupation of Professional Driver attracting new entrants

MORE LICENSED DRIVERS WHO ARE QUALIFIED AS PROFESSIONAL COMMERCIAL DRIVERS







Licensing Recommendations

- Create national consensus on licensing standards and the testing process
- 2. Raise existing standards for licensing (including examiner's qualifications)
- 3. Separate, where possible, the licensing requirements for commercial professional drivers from other drivers (such as farmers); create a separate endorsement or post-license certification with re-evaluations after 6 months and several years was suggested.
- 4. Develop a transitional strategy to integrate younger people





Training Schools - Accreditation and Funding Recommendations

- Carriers should partner with schools to develop (or find ways to meet) national standards
- 6. Link funding of training with minimum national standards
- 7. Fund an infrastructure to audit accredited training schools
- Widen the access to funding beyond the unemployed
- Create incentives to encourage investment and participation in accredited programs
- 10. Educate the carriers: re benefits of training toward a better quality of driver





Immigration Recommendations

- 11. Focus recruitment on a set of qualifications (national standards for competency), not credentials
- 12. Educate and increase awareness of processes available
- 13. Establish acceptable criteria and responsibilities for employers who participate in immigration programs
- 14. Review immigration practices and guidelines to address trucking industry needs (e.g. expand Provincial Nominee Program)
- 15. Enable temporary workers to stay in Canada if both they & their employers want
- 16. Promote recognition of driving as a skilled trade, and NOC reclassification





⇒Next Steps

- ✓ Provincial/territorial initiatives (government and industry
- ✓ Federal government initiatives
- ✓ Assessment of the impact of the initiatives on the issues

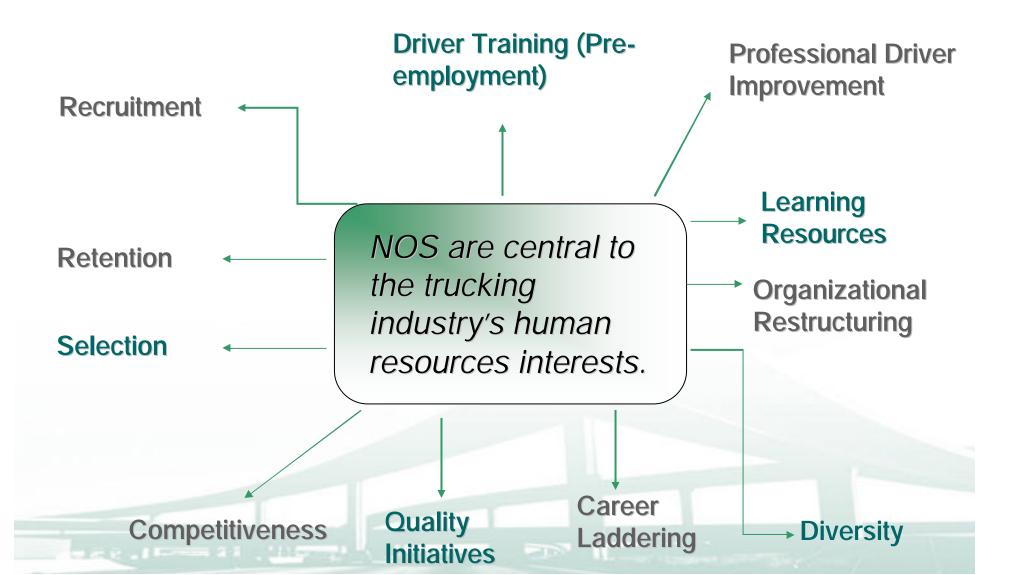


Occupational Standards







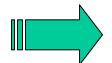




Essential Skills

Employability / Essential Skills

- ✓ Reading Text
- ✓ Document Use
- ✓ Numeracy



Predictors of Success

- Writing
- Oral Communication
- Working with Others
- Computer Use
- Continuous Learning

Thinking Skills

 Problem Solving
 Decision Making
 Job Task Planning & Organizing
 Significant Use of Memory
 Finding Information

Essential Skills and Literacy

Labour Market -Productivity/Competitiveness -Higher earning; More 1% increase in average literacy and employment; Mobility; numeracy skills would permanently raise Improved skills GDP per capita by 1.5% Health - Low -Lifelong Learning - ES and Literacy and impacts costs for health literacy are foundations for care system; High - life essential lifelong learning - children, ← expectancy adults, home, work skills are key to.... Social Capitol - High Inclusive Society voting part.; High Immigrants; Aboriginals; volunteerism: Better work Persons with disabilities relationship Safe Communities -Investing in high school

completion cut crime; Reduction in inmate repeats



Essential Skills

International Adult Literacy Survey

Nearly 9 million Canadians - more than 42% of working age Canadians have low literacy skills

(OECD - adults performing below Level 3 - on a 5 point scale - may encounter barriers to full participation in a knowledge-based economy and society).

Source: 2003 Adult Literacy and Life-Skills Survey

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Essential Skills in the Workplace

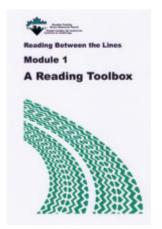
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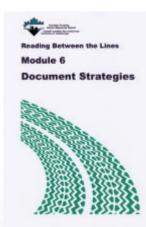


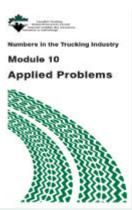
- Pre-employment
- Professional Driver
- Dispatcher, Professional Driver Trainer and Transportation Safety Professional

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Upgrading









Questions



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