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How to become a tow truck driver in Washington

What tow truck drivers do, the skills and credentials that matter in Washington, and how to find tow truck driver jobs.

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1 What tow truck drivers do

Tow truck drivers move disabled, damaged and illegally parked vehicles, help at accident scenes and often handle roadside calls, at night, on weekends and in bad weather.

2 Skills and training

You need a valid driver license and a driving record your employer's insurer accepts. Heavy tow trucks need a commercial driver license; most employers train new drivers on equipment and scene safety.

3 Licensing

We found no separate Washington license for tow drivers; registered tow truck operators list every employee who drives a tow truck on their license application.

4 Find jobs on NCC

Browse open jobs below or on NCC Jobs.

Requirements at a glance

Listed as a driver on the tow operator's license

Required in some cases - State - Washington State Department of Licensing

Registered tow truck operators list the names and addresses of all employees who drive tow trucks on their application. We found no separate state license for tow drivers.

Official agencies and links

RCW 46.55.030, Registered tow truck operators: application, bond, insurance

Washington State Legislature

https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=46.55.030

Frequently asked questions

Do tow truck drivers need a license in Washington?

No separate license; your employer lists you as a driver.

This guide is general information, not legal advice. Rules change and can depend on your city or county, so confirm with the official agencies linked below before you apply.