

Tax Deductions for Truck Drivers

• **Vehicle Expenses**

- Fuel Costs: Gasoline, diesel, and other fuel expenses (only the portion used for business).
- Repairs and Maintenance: Routine maintenance, repairs, and improvements.
- Depreciation: Depreciation on the truck and trailer.
- Lease Payments: If you lease a truck.
- Insurance: Truck and cargo insurance premiums.
- Tires: Costs of purchasing and maintaining tires.
- License and Registration Fees: Costs associated with licensing and registration required for operation.

• **Travel Expenses**

- Lodging: Hotel or motel expenses while away from home overnight.
- Meals and Entertainment: 50% of the cost of meals while traveling on business (subject to change based on current tax laws).
- Showers: Costs of showers at truck stops when traveling.
- Communication Expenses
- Cell Phone and Internet: Proportion of cell phone and internet service fees used for business.
- CB Radio and GPS: Costs of purchasing and maintaining communication and navigation equipment.
- Office Supplies and Equipment
- Office Supplies: Log books, pens, pencils, and other office supplies.
- Electronic Equipment: Laptops, tablets, and printers used for business.
- Software: Accounting or log management software.

• **Health and Safety Equipment**

- Safety Gear: Hard hats, gloves, safety glasses, and steel-toed boots.
- Sleeping Equipment: Bedding and cab curtains for sleeper units.
- First Aid Supplies: Costs of first aid kits and supplies.
- Professional Services
- Legal and Professional Fees: Accounting, legal fees, and tax preparation services.
- Medical Exams: Required DOT physical exams.
- Licenses and Permits: Costs associated with obtaining and renewing professional licenses and permits.

• **Education and Training**

- Continuing Education: Costs of courses and seminars to maintain or improve professional skills.
- CDL Training and Renewal: Costs associated with obtaining and renewing a commercial driver's license.

• **Miscellaneous Expenses**

- Tolls and Parking Fees: Expenses for tolls and parking while on business.
- Laundry: Cost of laundry services while traveling.
- Union Dues: If applicable, dues paid to a trucking union.
- Storage Fees: Costs for storing the truck or equipment.