

DISCOVERING QUALITY JOBS

HEAVY DUTY VEHICLE TECHNICIAN

WHAT ARE QUALITY JOBS?

Quality Jobs offer competitive wages and benefits, predictable hours, and opportunities for advancement without requiring a college degree. They exist in high-growth industries that value skills gained through alternative routes such as training programs, military service, lived experience, and more.

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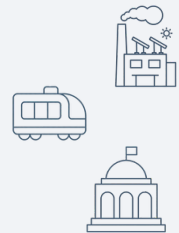
Heavy Duty Vehicle Technicians inspect, diagnose, repair, and maintain commercial vehicles to keep people and goods moving safely. They develop hands-on skills that can lead to careers in fleet maintenance, public transit, heavy equipment, electric and alternative fuel vehicles, or advanced diagnostics.

YOU MIGHT ENJOY THIS JOB IF YOU ARE:

- Interested in working on vehicles and heavy equipment.
- Hands-on and enjoy using tools.
- Curious about how things work.
- Known for attention to detail and following procedures.
- Committed to safety and quality.

HEAVY DUTY VEHICLE TECHNICIANS WORK AT:

Repair & Maintenance Facilities
Transportation & Transit Systems
Fleet Operations
Equipment Dealerships
Government & Public Works
Field Service Operations



THEY ARE ALSO KNOWN AS:

Diesel Technician
Bus Mechanic
Truck Mechanic
Fleet Maintenance Technician
Transit Vehicle Technician
Service Technician

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A QUALITY JOB:



Living Wages: Starting wages typically range from **\$24–\$30 per hour**. Union jobs and registered apprenticeships may offer higher starting wages with scheduled pay increases.



Accessible Hiring Practices: **No advanced degree required.** Most employers accept on-the-job training, technical education and/or apprenticeship program acceptance in place of previous experience.



Comprehensive Benefits: Many employers offer full benefits including health insurance, retirement plans, and paid time off. **Union employers may offer additional benefits and worker protections.**



Training and Advancement Opportunities: **Employer training, technical education, and registered apprenticeships** provide pathways to advancement across a variety of skilled trades.

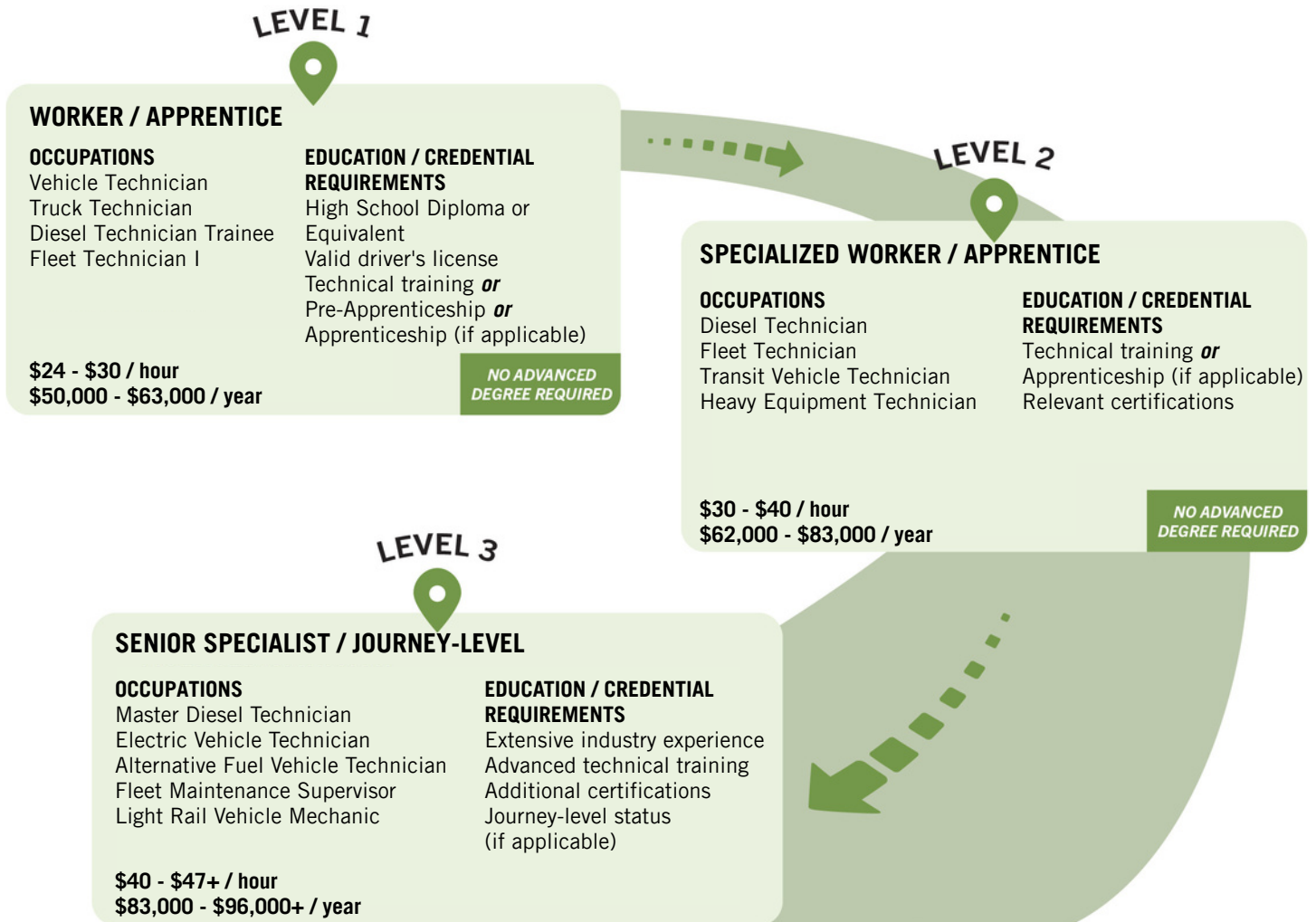


Predictable Schedule: **Most positions are full-time.** Schedules vary by employer and may include evenings, weekends, overtime, or on-call work.



Worker Safety and Engagement: **Required safety training and use of personal protective equipment (PPE).** Union jobs and registered apprenticeships may offer additional worker protection.

CAREER PATHWAYS FOR HEAVY DUTY VEHICLE TECHNICIANS



COMMON QUALIFICATIONS:

- 18 years or older
- High School Diploma or GED equivalent
- Additional requirements vary by employer or registered apprenticeship and may include a valid driver's license, drug screening, and/or background check.*

*Visit the Oregon Bureau of Labor & Industries (BOLI) website for current registered apprenticeship qualifications and application requirements.

INSIDER TIPS:

- Many employers hire and train entry-level workers; others offer registered apprenticeships.
- Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification and a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) lead to higher pay.
- **Interested in an apprenticeship?** Explore apprenticeship specialties in diesel technology, heavy equipment, and transit maintenance.



GET STARTED

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