

# Welcome to MELT Class 1 Driver Training



# About the facilities

- Emergency exits/ muster area
- Washrooms
- Coffee and lunch facilities
- Cell phones
- Health and safety protocols

# Goal of Mandatory Entry-level Training (MELT)

*"To help reduce the number of crashes and incidents by ensuring that all new Class 1 drivers have adequate control skills and knowledge and a responsible and professional approach to driving."*

# Unit overview

- Importance of trucking industry
- Types of Class 1 vehicles
- Responsibilities of truck drivers
- Class 1 driver's licence process
- What to expect during the course
- Types of commercial driving jobs
- Employment requirements

# Getting to know you...

- Why did you decide to take this course?
- What job would you like to get?
- What do you want to drive?
- Do you have any commercial driving experience?

# What it's like to be a commercial driver?

Brainstorm: What do think it's like to be a commercial driver?

Let's watch this WorkBC Career Trek Video to get an idea.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A81nvDdP5KY>

# Equipment options



# Career options

*What might be some different career options in trucking?*



## Short vs. long-haul

Short-haul  
advantages

Short-haul  
disadvantages

Long-haul  
advantages

Long haul  
disadvantages

# Short vs. long-haul

## Short-haul advantages

- more time at home
- familiar routes
- more predictable
- few log book worries
- more time with family

## Short-haul disadvantages

- inconsistent or seasonal work
- long work days
- lower income
- more traffic challenges
- more backing up and maneuvering

## Long-haul advantages

- travel and scenery
- independence
- different challenges each day

## Long haul disadvantages

- being away from home
- loneliness
- time management
- lifestyle, diet, fitness and health
- unpredictable work

# Driver licensing process

Complete the MELT program and pass:

- Pre-trip inspection test
- Road test
- Driver's medical examination



# What you'll learn to do

- Vehicle inspections including the air brakes system
- Backing
- Coupling and uncoupling
- Sliding the 5th wheel and tandem trailer axles
- Driving in a variety of roadway, traffic, light and weather conditions
- Mountain driving
- Putting chains on a tire
- Basic cargo securement
- How to comply with hours of services regulations

# OK, what do I have to do?

- Written tests (pass is 80%)
- Practical assessments:
  - Driving in town and on the highway in a variety of roadway and traffic settings
  - Backing activities
  - Vehicle inspection activities
  - Putting chains on a tire
  - Coupling and uncoupling a trailer
  - Each practical assessment is done twice
- Homework completion
- Attendance – complete all course hours

# Commercial driving is a big responsibility

- Heavy commercial trucks like dump trucks and semis represent 3% of vehicles on the road.
- They are involved in 19% of fatal crashes and incidents.

# Top 10 incident types - WorkSafeBC

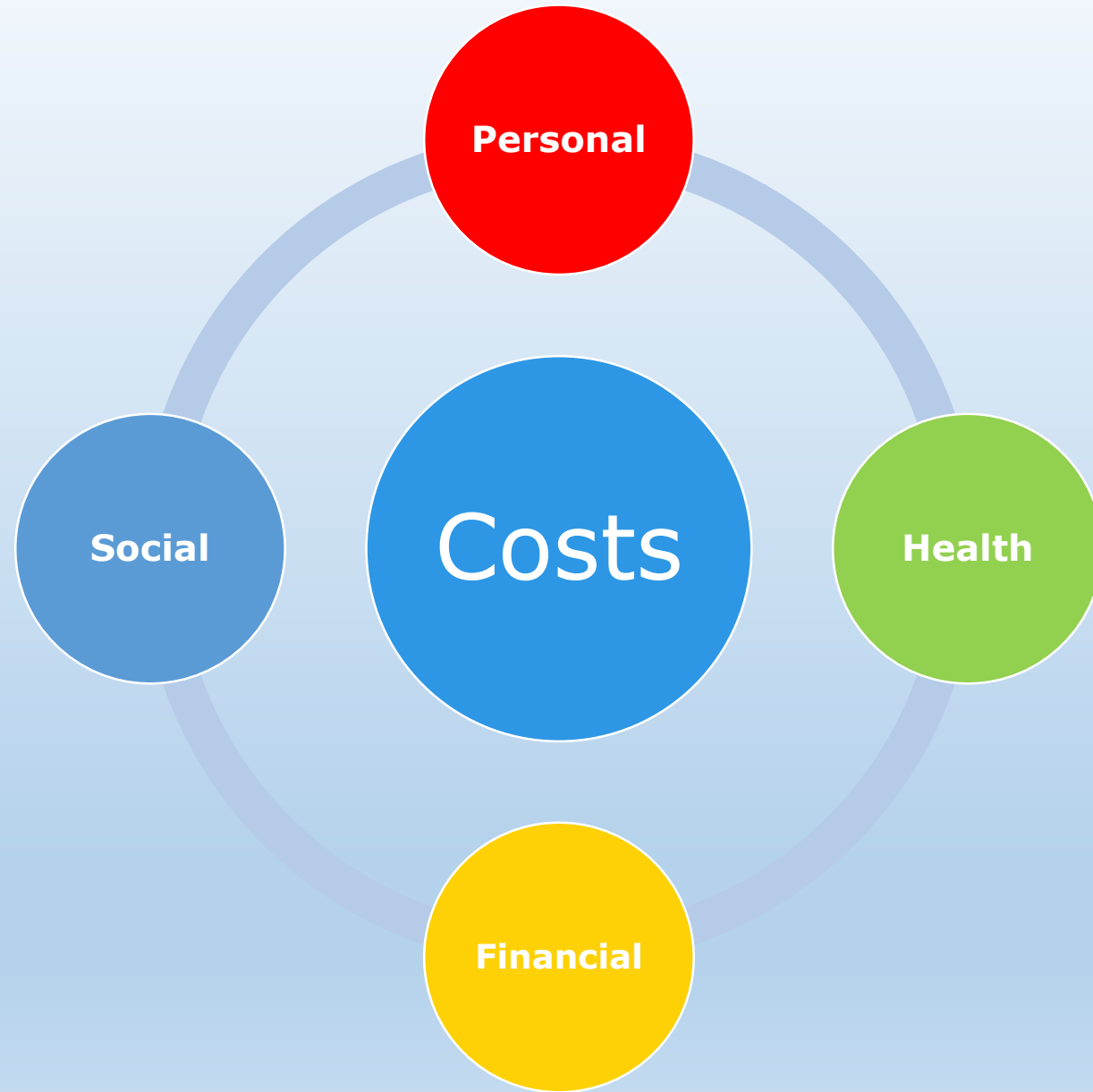
## Top 10 incident types in general trucking by number of claims (2012-2016)

Rank	Accident Type	Claims
1	Jack-knifed or overturned, no collision	365
2	Ran off highway, no collision	95
3	Vehicles moving in same direction	76
4	Moving & standing vehicle/equipment	76
5	Vehicle struck stationary object, roadslide	72
6	Head on collision	54
7	Highway accident	31
8	Intersection	27
9	Non-collision accident	24
10	Vehicle struck stationary object on the road	23
	All others	150

# Canada's deadliest crashes involving commercial vehicles

- Student guide – Chapter 1





# Employer expectations and requirements

- ✓ A completed employment application form
- ✓ Personal driver's abstract and National Safety Code abstract (dated within 30 days)
- ✓ Medical information
- ✓ A criminal record check (dated within a specified period)
- ✓ Records of your previous work experience and training that are relevant to your job
- ✓ Consent to participate in periodic drug screening

# Additional training

Employers are required to provide additional training:

- operation of specialized equipment or vehicle features,
- workplace orientation,
- loading and transportation of specific cargo,
- occupational health and safety rules,
- company policies (dress codes, code of conduct, disciplinary policies, substance abuse policies etc.), and
- duties and scope of your position, condition of employment, and so on.

# What are employers looking for?

- ✓ Communication skills
- ✓ Integrity and honesty
- ✓ Commitment to learning
- ✓ Competence in performing work
- ✓ Loyalty to the company/employer
- ✓ Responsibility and accountability
- ✓ A willingness to follow rules and policies
- ✓ A commitment to maintaining confidentiality
- ✓ Good work habits – punctuality, meeting obligations
- ✓ Respectfulness, courtesy to fellow employees and customers

# Key responsibilities

- ✓ Maintain a good driving record
- ✓ Know and abide by the provincial and federal laws
- ✓ Develop advanced driving skills
- ✓ Positive attitude, respect and patience
- ✓ Avoid impairment and distraction

## Do you have what it takes??

- Take the driver aptitude survey