



## Motor Transport Operator (88M)

The United States Armed forces own and operate over 50,000 heavy trucks and buses. It's up to the Motor Transport Operators to operate vehicles, which include water/fuel tank trucks, semi-tractor trailers, heavy troop transports and passenger buses. From sedans to semi tractor trailers, troop transports and buses.

Motor Transport Operators are primarily responsible for supervising or operating wheel vehicles to transport personnel and cargo. Some of your duties as a Motor Transport Operator may include:

- Reading load plans
- Checking oil, fuel and other fluid levels, as well as tire pressure
- Driving vehicles over all types of roads and terrain, traveling alone or in convoys in support of combat operations
- Keeping records of mileage driven and fuel and oil used
- Washing vehicles and perform routine maintenance and repairs

### **TRAINING**

Job training for a Motor Transport Operator consists of nine weeks of Basic Training, where you'll learn basic Soldiering skills, and six weeks of Advanced Individual Training, including practice in driving several types of military vehicles. Part of this time is spent in the classroom and part in the field.

In your training you will learn:

- Accident prevention
- Safety check procedures
- International road signs
- Basic vehicle maintenance
- Transporting hazardous materials

### **HELPFUL SKILLS**

Helpful attributes include:

- An interest or experience in driver education
- An interest in driving
- An interest in mechanics

**ADVANCED RESPONSIBILITIES**

Advanced level Motor Transport Operators supervise and train other Soldiers within the same discipline. As an advanced level Motor Transport Operator, you may be involved in:

- Verifying vehicle logbooks

- Receiving and filling requests from authorized persons for motor transport

- Managing vehicle maintenance reports

**RELATED CIVILIAN JOBS**

The skills you learn as a Motor Transport Operator will help prepare you for a civilian career with trucking, moving or bus companies, or with businesses that have their own delivery fleets. You'll be able to consider a future as a tractor-trailer truck, tank truck, heavy truck or bus driver.

**RELATED ARMY POSITIONS**

- Transportation Management Coordinator (88N)

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