

## Rookie Trucker Tax Checklist

**Most new drivers lose over \$40,000 in their first 3 years.**

Not from tickets. Not from downtime.

From missed deductions and poor tracking.

Here's how to fix that, and keep more of what you earn!

### Daily Deductions You Should Never Miss

#### Per Diem (Meals & Travel):

- Track each night you're away from home
- Use a logbook or app to document dates + locations
- Keep your meal receipts... yes, even small ones

#### Work Gear & Supplies:

- Save receipts for boots, gloves, hi-vis gear, etc.
- Deduct cleaning supplies, tools, logbooks, straps, chains

#### Mileage Tracking:

- Log personal vs business kilometres (apps: MileIQ, Everlance)
- Don't guess; CRA needs actual records if you're audited

#### Other Write-Offs:

- Cell phone (business portion)
- Accounting fees
- Truck washes
- Showers & laundry while on the road

### Pro Tips for Rookie Drivers

- **Keep every receipt.** Even that \$3 coffee. It adds up.
- **Use a folder or receipt-scanning app.** Snap and tag daily.
- **Get a trucking-specific accountant.** General tax software leaves thousands behind.
- **File on time, even if you owe.** Late filings raise flags.



**Want help maximizing your deductions?**

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