

From the Reeperbahn to trucks

Apprenticeship to a professional driver



Hey, nice to tell you something about my job! My Name is Michelle. I'm 23 years old and passed my first year of apprenticeship to a professional truck driver in a steel- and sanitary trading company.

With 40 tons heavy trailer trucks, 18 tons heavy flat lorries and smaller box trucks, products are delivered to customers in the north of Germany. Once arrived, the driver unloads the truck with the help of a lifting cart, hand truck or loading crane. When the customer has options like an underslung crane or a forklift, the driver uses them too. But often you don't have something what could help you, or it's just not useful. At the latest, now the physically hard work begins.

While I worked at this company, I made my loading crane, underslung crane and forklift license. The work with the loading crane was much fun for me. Also good is, that you can work very self-employed.

Since the first august 2022 I absolved my second year of apprenticeship in another company - the NDR. I'm absolutely happy with the decision to change the company. The areas of responsibility are much varied. For example, I drive equipment for shootings to productions, help at the stage construction, drive a test coach, pick up reporters and guests for shows or something, and drive instruments for the NDR Orchestra. Furthermore to drive by truck or fly by plane to other countries is not uncommon. The fact that you are often not at home for multiple days or weeks can be a disadvantage for some people. I want to see a lot of the world, so it's just perfect for me!

I'm glad to be there for the next 2 years and hope that now more people decide for the interesting and varied job as a professional truck driver.

I agree that my text and photo will be published on the school website.

