

Dec. 22, 2025

Notice of truck rental rate certification and effective date

The Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) commissioner has certified the minimum truck rental rates for state-funded highway projects effective December 22, 2025. This certification follows the publication of the Notice of Truck Rental Rate Determination in the State Register on Dec. 1, 2025, and the informal conference held pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 5200.1105 on Dec. 12, 2025.

According to Minnesota Rules, part 5200.1105, the purpose of the informal conference was for DLI to obtain further input regarding the determined rates prior to the certification. No written input regarding the determination was received by DLI prior to the informal conference.

The truck rental rate is determined for each equipment type by adding the average hourly cost of operating the vehicle to the certified prevailing-wage rate for the driver. The average hourly operating costs are determined by voluntary survey of truck owner operators, trucking contractors and trucking firms. Cost data used in DLI's analysis must be representative of five trucking firms of various size and five independent truck owner operators for each type of truck.

The determination of the minimum truck rental rates by region are as follows.

Three-axle units

Region	Effective date	607 driver rate	Operating cost	Truck rental rate
Region 1	Certification date	\$64.83	\$37.35	\$102.18
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$67.42	\$37.35	\$104.77
Region 2	Certification date	\$57.49	\$37.35	\$94.84
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$59.79	\$37.35	\$97.14
Region 3	Certification date	\$46.26	\$37.35	\$83.61

Region	Effective date	607 driver rate	Operating cost	Truck rental rate
Region 4	Certification date	\$60.37	\$37.35	\$97.72
Region 5	Certification date	\$48.01	\$37.35	\$85.36
Region 6	Certification date	\$57.25	\$37.35	\$94.60
Region 7	Certification date	\$47.10	\$37.35	\$84.45
Region 8	Certification date	\$43.50	\$37.35	\$80.85
Region 9	Certification date	\$65.30	\$37.35	\$102.65
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$67.91	\$37.35	\$105.26
Region 10	Certification date	\$59.51	\$37.35	\$96.86

Four or more axle units

Region	Effective date	604 driver rate	Operating cost	Truck rental rate
Region 1	Certification date	\$64.95	\$73.41	\$138.36
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$67.55	\$73.41	\$140.96
Region 2	Certification date	\$54.72	\$73.41	\$128.13
Region 3	Certification date	\$41.98	\$73.41	\$115.39
Region 4	Certification date	\$53.73	\$73.41	\$127.14
Region 5	Certification date	\$54.76	\$73.41	\$128.17

Region	Effective date	604 driver rate	Operating cost	Truck rental rate
Region 6	Certification date	\$62.86	\$73.41	\$136.27
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$65.37	\$73.41	\$138.78
Region 7	Certification date	\$57.65	\$73.41	\$131.06
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$59.96	\$73.41	\$133.37
Region 8	Certification date	\$46.00	\$73.41	\$119.41
Region 9	Certification date	\$65.41	\$73.41	\$138.82
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$68.03	\$73.41	\$141.44
Region 10	Certification date	\$56.06	\$73.41	\$129.47

Tractor

Region	Effective date	602 driver rate	Operating cost	Tractor-only truck rental rate	Plus trailer operating cost	Tractor trailer rental rate
Region 1	Certification date	\$65.58	\$54.96	\$120.54	\$11.46	\$132.00
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$68.20	\$54.96	\$123.16	\$11.46	\$134.62
Region 2	Certification date	\$58.25	\$54.96	\$113.21	\$11.46	\$124.67
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$60.58	\$54.96	\$115.54	\$11.46	\$127.00
Region 3	Certification date	\$48.35	\$54.96	\$103.31	\$11.46	\$114.77
Region 4	Certification date	\$50.27	\$54.96	\$105.23	\$11.46	\$116.69

Region	Effective date	602 driver rate	Operating cost	Tractor-only truck rental rate	Plus trailer operating cost	Tractor trailer rental rate
Region 5	Certification date	\$28.84	\$54.96	\$83.80	\$11.46	\$95.26
Region 6	Certification date	\$63.50	\$54.96	\$118.46	\$11.46	\$129.92
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$66.04	\$54.96	\$121.00	\$11.46	\$132.46
Region 7	Certification date	\$58.25	\$54.96	\$113.21	\$11.46	\$124.67
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$60.58	\$54.96	\$115.54	\$11.46	\$127.00
Region 8	Certification date	\$47.50	\$54.96	\$102.46	\$11.46	\$113.92
Region 9	Certification date	\$66.05	\$54.96	\$121.01	\$11.46	\$132.47
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$68.69	\$54.96	\$123.65	\$11.46	\$135.11
Region 10	Certification date	\$58.25	\$54.96	\$113.21	\$11.46	\$124.67
	Increase May 01, 2026	\$60.58	\$54.96	\$115.54	\$11.46	\$127.00

The current operating costs and truck rental rates may be reviewed by accessing DLI's website at <https://dli.mn.gov/business/employment-practices/prevaling-wage-minimum-truck-rental-rates>. Questions about the truck rental rates or the informal conference notice below can be answered by calling 651-284-5192.

The minimum truck rental rate for these four types of trucks in the State's 10 highway and heavy construction areas will be effective for all highway and heavy construction projects financed in whole or part with state funds advertised for bid on or after the day the notice of certification is published in the *State Register*.

Sincerely,

Nicole Blissenbach

DLI commissioner