

Internet access from smartphones and tablet devices has greatly improved the work environment of long-distance truck drivers. Using your favorite search engine, identify at least three apps that a trucker might use to do two or more of the following: obtain routing information, manage fuel consumption, find truck stops or truck-friendly rest areas, record what they have hauled and where they have hauled it, track required permits, locate Department of Transportation weigh stations, maintain electronic log books, or find potential loads and place bids to carry them. For each app you identify, write a paragraph that explains what the app does, how much it costs, and on what type of devices it runs.

One app that could be useful to a long-distance truck driver is the Smart Truck Route Version 2. This app is a GPS app, that is available on both android phones and tablets as well as iPhones and iPads. The truck driver can enter an address and the app will provide multiple routes for them on truck friendly roads customized for their truck's weight and height. The app also includes special features such as providing the weather and locations to rest stops and weigh scales. This app has many different price options, and they are different for android and apple products with the apple prices being slightly higher. For example, the three-month price for the android is \$19.99 while the three-month price for apple products is \$29.99. You can pay per month, year, three years, or buy a lifetime option. There are also deals for if you want the app for multiple trucks, the most expensive one being for 1,000 trucks.

Another app that could be useful is the Simple Truck ELD app which is also available on android phones and tablets and iPhones and iPads. ELD stands for electronic logging device and this app is used to record miles, hours of work, load sheets and store simple trucking documents. There are two different plans for this app, the intra state plan and the slightly more expensive ELD basic plan. Both plans also have different price options, where you can pay per month, year, or three years. The intra state option is either \$20 per month, \$200 per year, or \$600 for three years. The basic plan is \$25 per month, \$228 per year, or \$684 for three years. There is also a one-time hardware cost of \$129 for both plans.

One last app that could be useful to truck drivers is the SmartHop app. Truck drivers can use this app to find potential loads, including exclusive ones not found on public load boards. The app also provides tools to plan out routes, figure payroll, and tools to manage performance. There are three plan options including the basic plan for \$100 a month, the professional plan for \$250 a month, and a custom plan where the price will vary. This app is compatible with android phones and iPhones.

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