Truck Driver Tax Deductions Worksheet

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For owner-operators and 1099 / leased-on drivers who file a Schedule C. Fill in the blue column with your yearly total for each category. Every row already shows the Schedule C line it lands on.

Company driver (W-2)? Under current IRS rules (Pub 529), employees can no longer deduct unreimbursed job expenses. This worksheet is for owner-operators and 1099 drivers. If you're a W-2 driver, run reimbursable costs through your carrier's per-diem or expense program.

Per-diem meal helper (the most-missed deduction)

If you're subject to DOT hours-of-service limits, you can use a flat $80/day meal allowance instead of saving every food receipt, and deduct 80% of it (not the usual 50%). Pub 463.

Nights away from home (on the road):	**250**
Daily meal allowance (2025 transportation rate):	**$80**
DOT deductible percentage:	**80%**
Your per-diem meal deduction = nights x $80 x 80%:	**$16,000.00**

Deduction category	Your annual $	Deductible amount	Schedule C line
Meals on the road (per-diem method, from helper above)	*$16,000*	$16,000.00	24b
Fuel & diesel (your truck)	$48,000	$48,000.00	9
Truck repairs & maintenance	$9,000	$9,000.00	9
Tires	$4,000	$4,000.00	9
Tolls, scales & parking		$0.00	9
Truck insurance (liability, cargo, physical damage, bobtail)	$12,000	$12,000.00	15
Truck lease payments		$0.00	20
Truck depreciation & Section 179 (owned/financed truck)		$0.00	13
Interest on your truck loan		$0.00	16
Permits & licenses (IFTA, Form 2290 HVUT, CDL, base plates)		$0.00	23
ELD, load board, dispatch & accounting software		$0.00	18
Work gear (gloves, boots, straps, chains, tarps, locks)		$0.00	22
Phone & internet (business portion)		$0.00	25
DOT physical, association dues, legal & professional fees		$0.00	17
Business miles on a PERSONAL vehicle (from Mileage Log)	*$41*	$40.60	9
Home office (from Home Office Log)	*$750*	$750.00	30
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		**$89,790.60**	

Your gross income (1099s / settlement statements):	**$165,000**
Estimated net profit (Schedule C, line 31) = income - ded	**$75,209.40**

Note: your truck (the rig) is not a "car," so the cents-per-mile standard mileage rate does not apply to it. Deduct your actual fuel, repairs, tires, and depreciation above. The Mileage Log tab is only for a personal car or pickup you use for business errands.

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Home Office Deduction Log

Goes on Schedule C, line 30 (Business use of your home). Pick whichever method is bigger.

Which method are you claiming?	**Simplified**
-> Carries to your worksheet / Schedule C line 30:	**$750.00**

Method 1: Simplified (no receipts needed)

IRS Pub 587. $5 per square foot, up to 300 sq ft. Maximum $1,500.

Square feet of your home office (cap 300):	**150**
Simplified deduction (sq ft x $5, capped $1,500):	**$750.00**

Method 2: Actual expenses (often a bigger deduction)

Enter home + office square footage. The sheet finds your business-use % and applies it to every line. No cap.

Home sq ft (total):	**2,000**
Office sq ft (exclusive business use):	**150**
Business use % (auto = office / home):	**7.50%**

Expense category	Annual cost	Office use %	Deduction
Mortgage interest (or rent)	$21,000	7.50%	$1,575.00
Property taxes	$7,000	7.50%	$525.00
Home insurance	$1,600	7.50%	$120.00
Utilities (electric, gas, water)	$2,400	7.50%	$180.00
Home internet	$1,200	7.50%	$90.00
Repairs & maintenance	$4,000	7.50%	$300.00
Depreciation (consult CPA)	$21,528	7.50%	$1,614.60
	Total actual-method deduction:		**$4,404.60**

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Personal-Vehicle Mileage Log

For a personal car or pickup used on business errands (NOT the rig). Schedule C line 9. 2026 business rate: 72.5¢ a mile.

		Year-to-date miles:	**56**	
		-> Carries to Schedule C line 9 (72.5¢ before July 1, 76¢ from July 1):		**$40.60**

Date	Destination (name + address)	Business Purpose	Miles	Deduction
2026-04-08	Freightliner dealer, parts pickup	Pick up a part for the truck	26	$18.85
2026-04-15	CPA office, tax documents	Drop off quarterly paperwork	18	$13.05
2026-04-22	Bank, business deposit	Deposit a settlement check	12	$8.70

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