



## Locomotive Driver

### Job Description

Operation of Locomotives on a narrow gauge (610mm) rail network in order to deliver empty bins to sidings and to transport cane to the factories for processing, in a safe and efficient manner.

### Minimal Educational Requirements for Commencement

Ideal applicants will have:  
Completed year 10 with sound results in Maths A and English. You will also have completed one season as a Drivers' Assistant.

### Study Required or Career Progression

Persons must have worked at least one season as a Drivers' Assistant before being considered for employment as a Locomotive Driver. Mackay Sugar conducts internal courses which are specialised for each locomotive type. An internal statement of attainment is issued for each locomotive type as follows: 0-6-0 Locomotives, Baldwin Locomotives, GH500 Locomotives, Eimco Locomotives, and 94 Class Locomotives. Additional specialisations include: Brake Van, Slave Engine and Train Management.

### Apprenticeship or Bond

No.

### Normal Hours

Average 38 hour week – seasonal position late May to November each year on a 4 week rotational shift roster.

### Remuneration

Base rate not including allowances:  
Sugar Industry Award Level 5 (\$958.50) per week. Allowing for shift work and overtime, a Locomotive Driver can earn up to \$35,000 during a typical processing season (22 weeks).

### Career Prospects

Locomotive Driver Trainer, Traffic Officer, Field Officer, Transport Operations Supervisor, Management.

### Other

Persons wishing to be Locomotive Driver need to be physically fit in order to perform the work safely. There is a physical fitness test associated with application for these positions.  
Must be at least 18 years of age, and hold an open drivers' license.