

TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS SECTOR

700,000

(number of people employed in transport sector in the UK)

Want a career where you get to travel?

This is an important sector with lots of opportunities for all!

15%

(percentage of transport employers who have vacancies)

£25,000 per year
(average salary of HGV drivers in the UK)

748,000

new employees will be needed in the logistics sector by 2017



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Careers Insight

This sector is all about movement – passengers travelling from A to B, goods being transported across the country, letters being sent across town, imports arriving in our ports from other countries...it's truly a fast-moving industry!

Rail transport operations

It's no simple feat to keep our railway network running to schedule – we need people to drive the trains, take fares, assist customers, operate the signals and more.

Earnings: Around £13,000 a year.

Airports

It takes more than pilots to keep plane passengers safe – air traffic controllers help planes land safely and baggage handlers make sure luggage reaches the right destination.

Earnings: Between £14,000 and £17,000 a year.

Engineering and maintenance

Transport and logistics rely heavily on vehicles – trains, buses, aeroplanes, vans, cars and motorcycles – so the sector needs people with the skills to keep them running.

Earnings: Between £16,000 and £19,000 a year.

Mail services

This deals with the collection, processing and delivery of mail and packages. The Royal Mail is the largest employer, but there are lots of other specialist mail providers like FedEx who have grown with the popularity of internet shopping.

Earnings: Between £12,500 and £17,000 a year.

Driving & carrying goods

This covers the transport and delivery of goods by both light vehicles (like motorcycles and van) and large goods vehicles (like lorries).

Earnings: Between £10,500 and £12,500 a year.

Warehouse & storage

An essential part of transport and logistics, this area deals with the movement and storage of goods. Many roles in warehouse & storage are admin or management roles.

Earnings: Around £13,000 a year.

GET QUALIFIED

There are plenty of vocational routes into this sector...

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a great route into this sector; all of these are NVQ level 2:

- Aviation Operations on the Ground • Cabin Crew
- Driving Goods Vehicles • Mail Services
- Passenger Carrying Vehicles Driving – Bus and Coach
- Purchasing and Supply Management
- Rail Transport Engineering • Rail Services
- Traffic Office • Transport Engineering and Maintenance
- Warehouse and Storage

Advanced Apprenticeship

You can also do an advanced Apprenticeship; all of these are NVQ level 3:

- Driving Goods Vehicles
- Logistics Operations Management
- Purchasing and Supply Management
- Rail Transport Engineering
- Transport Engineering and Maintenance

You can also do a Higher Apprenticeship, NVQ level 4 in:

- Purchasing and Supply Management

A Levels

Here are some A Levels, which are relevant to the management side of the sector:

- Business Studies • Economics

Foundation Degrees

A Foundation Degree is a university-level qualification that is equivalent to the first two years of an Honours Degree. They are different from Honours Degrees as they involve learning in the workplace as well as at university or college.

College Courses

A college course can also be a great route into this sector. To see which colleges have relevant courses in your region check out www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk.

USEFUL LINKS

- www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk – The best careers site on the web.
- www.goskills.org – The Sector Skills Council for transport.
- www.skillsforlogistics.org – The Sector Skills Council for Logistics.
- www.careersbox.co.uk – Home to a fantastic library of free careers videos.