



# SP TRAINING

## Careers in Logistics



A career in logistics is exciting and fast paced, with many different opportunities.

Almost any item you can think of has been moved from one place to another in order for it to reach us. This does not just happen, but is the result of highly complex processes behind the scenes.





## Driving Goods Vehicles

Large Goods Vehicles (LGV's) travel up and down the UK's road network, day and night, seven days a week.. These vehicles are loaded up in the warehouse, driven to either another warehouse, or to the customer's chosen destination. Drivers are highly trained to ensure their stock reaches its destination in peak condition, and need to take a series of tests to ensure they are capable of operating high powered and expensive machinery which often has the latest on-board technology.



## Passenger Carrying Vehicles

The most obvious logistics process that you can see will be the passenger carrying vehicles (buses and coaches) travelling on our roads and motorways. This is a mode of transport within both the public and private sectors where safety and comfort of the passengers is paramount with focus on customer service at all times.



## Warehousing and Storage

In the warehouse, staff take control of what stock is available to despatch and match this up with customer orders. Specialised IT programmes are often used to monitor stock level paired with hand held scanning devices to provide up to the minute information. Trained forklift truck drivers lift stock from racking, ready to place on to pallets to be loaded on to the LGVs.

## What Will I Do?

If you are on a 'Work Based Learning' or 'Apprenticeship' programme and employed in a logistics role already, an example of the route you may take is outlined below.

### Induction

You will cover a variety of topics including:



- Employment Law
- Equality and Diversity
- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding
- Individual Learning Planning
- Functional Skills: Maths and English (dependent on previous qualifications)

### Theory and Practical Skills

Depending on which apprenticeship framework you choose you will gain knowledge and skills across several areas of business and these may include:



- Drivers Hours and Record Keeping
- Driver Health & Safe Driving Techniques
- Customer Care
- Safe and Fuel Efficient Driving
- Vulnerable Road Users
- Driving Licence (LGV/PCV)
- Forklift Truck Licence

### Employer Training

Practical experience in the following areas:



- Driving Goods Vehicles
- Passenger Carrying Operations
- Warehouse & Storage

### Specialisation & Completion

Completion of the qualifications, and specific skills that are relevant to the organisation and job role at levels 2 & 3. Once all these stages are complete you are then fully qualified with the right experience and competence to carry out your role and progress in the world of logistics.



### Future Progression

By the end of your programme you will be well rounded and have a portfolio of skills and qualifications as well as relevant experience. If you are ambitious and you have the opportunity within the company you are employed by, you could progress to supervisory or management qualifications such as an Advanced Apprenticeship, a Degree in Logistics, Supply Chain Management, or Transport Manager CPC, if this is suited to your role and opportunities.



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