



# TRANSPORTATION & STORAGE

**Transportation includes travel by road, rail, air, and water, and is essential for the smooth running of society: you use it to get to school, to go to work, to go on holiday, or to get to different places around the country or across the world.**

The transportation of goods and products rather than people is called 'logistics'. This is just as important as the transportation of people to support supply chains and ensure businesses, organisations, and individuals have access to stock to buy and sell.

From medicines to cars, breakfast cereal to construction materials, and fashion to household waste, every aspect of our lives depends on logistics.

Logistics includes the distribution of goods and products, such as delivery drivers, couriers, and

the postal service, as well as the warehousing of goods and products, which are the storage facilities they are kept in as they are transported from place to place.

The transportation and storage sector is continuing to grow, supported by continued globalisation and online shopping, which means there are many job opportunities and long-term prospects in the sector in a diverse range of roles.





## KEY FACTS

- In 2019/20, there were over **68 million** bus journeys made in Northern Ireland across the Ulsterbus, Metro, and Glider services, and over **15 million** train journeys.
- In 2022, Logistics UK reported there are **5,995** logistics companies registered in Northern Ireland.
- Partly as a result of Covid-19, online shopping increased from **19%** of all retail sales in 2019 to **31%** in 2021.
- In 2021, there were over **2.6 million** people in the UK employed in the transportation and storage sector.



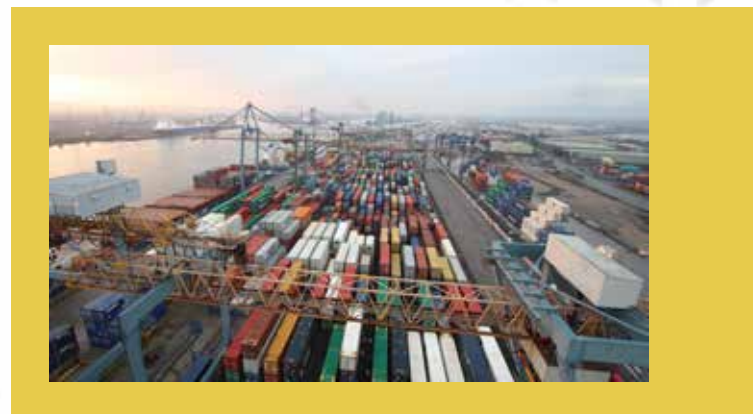
## WHY TRANSPORTATION & STORAGE?

**Logistics is one of the UK's fastest-growing industries and there is currently a shortage of workers, which means there are lots of employment opportunities available.**



The sector is very accessible, with low entry requirements and minimum entry qualifications for many career paths, and lots of employers offering apprenticeships and training programmes.

For many roles in the sector, working hours vary, which can be attractive for those individuals who prefer not working a typical 9 to 5 job. There are also lots of jobs that are active and aren't office-based, which can take you to different locations.



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## WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES?

There are a vast and varied number of job roles and types of careers in the transport and storage sector. Many entry level roles do not require previous experience and have minimum entry qualifications, such as five GCSEs at Grade C or above, including English and Maths.

Opportunities available in the sector include:

- Pilot (airplane)
  - Captain (freight ship)
  - Forklift Operator
  - Customs Agent
  - Supply Chain Manager
  - Warehouse Operative
  - Public Transport Drive (bus/train)
  - Port Operative
  - Human Resources Manager
  - Marketing Manager
  - IT Support Specialist
  - Customer Service Agent
  - Logistics Specialist
  - Procurement Manager
  - Logistics Engineer
  - Stock Controller
  - Transport Coordinator
  - Logistics Planner
  - Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) Driver
- ...and more!



## SALARY EXPECTATIONS

Salaries within the sector will vary significantly based on the job role, your level of experience, and the entry qualifications required.

Here are some **average salaries** for job roles within the sector:

Logistics Manager  
Average salary  
**£32,779 per year**

HGV Driver  
Average salary  
**£30,423 per year**

Warehouse Operative  
Average salary  
**£20,176 per year**

Transport Planner  
Average salary  
**£27,605 per year**

Procurement Specialist  
Average salary  
**£27,122 per year**

Supply Chain Manager  
Average salary  
**£30,837 per year**



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## WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

The qualifications or training you will need to work in the sector will vary based on the job. For example, there are no specific qualifications required for being a Warehouse Operative, Forklift Operator, or HGV Driver. Instead, many employers will look for experience and the relevant licences and training.

For roles in logistics, planning, and procurement, many employers offer on-the-job training, and there may be relevant courses or Apprenticeships available through Further Education Colleges. The entry requirements for most courses will require a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade C or above, including English and Maths. However, you should check the specific entry requirements for each course before applying.

For other roles, such as Human Resources, Marketing, or IT Support, there are a range of Further Education courses available from local Colleges, as well as degree-level qualifications from Universities. Many employers require a relevant degree for these roles.



## WHAT SKILLS ARE USEFUL?

Beyond any qualifications or experience needed to pursue a career in the transport and storage sector, there are a range of employability skills and personal attributes that are useful to have.

These include:

- Time Management
- Communication skills
- Coordinator
- Organisation skills
- Flexible and Adaptable
- Using your initiative
- Teamwork
- Working independently (especially for roles such as HGV Driving where you will spend long periods of time alone).







## WHERE CAN I GO TO FIND OUT MORE?

### Freight Transport Association Ireland

The FTAI is a representative body for the freight, distribution, and supply chain sector. It represents some of Ireland's largest freight and passenger operations bodies, including some 25,000 employees.

### Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport

The CILT is the Chartered representative body for professionals within the transport and logistics industry. It promotes the development and improvement of the logistics and transport industry.

### Warehousing Ireland

The all-Ireland Warehousing Association (AIWA) supports the different warehousing companies and organisations across all of Ireland, aiding the development of the industry and promoting best-practice.



## EMPLOYERS IN TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE



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