

Myth-busting facts in Logistics



It is a male dominated sector – there are around 400,000 women in logistics spread across the industry (30%)



There's no progression – Logistic careers span across a wide spectrum of industries including airlines, postal, transportation



The Industry has no young people working in it – average age of a HGV driver is 46 but businesses are addressing this by investing heavily in training, development and education for young people joining their companies.



Ex-offenders – this sector has many employers who have dedicated programmes to help ex-offenders back into the world of work



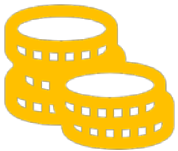
Logistic sector jobs are not all unskilled – you don't always need a degree to be successful in logistics, there are many recognised qualifications in logistics for those keen to develop their career



Drivers in HGV aren't valued – truckers are often the driving force behind the business. Without HGV drivers, business would fall apart.



Lorry driving is not a safe role on the road – HGV drivers are extensively and continuously trained. Their continual training requirements make HGV drivers some of the most safety conscious and advance drivers on the road. They have to undergo drug tests and are monitored by a little black box in their cab. The Tachograph unit tracks when they're driving, for how long, when they take a break, how long they take between shifts



LGV/HGV drivers are badly paid – The start salary is above minimum wage between 19k-24k. With more training and experience, they can earn over 40k a year



HGV driving is lonely - Drivers travel all over. They have the opportunity to see and experience a huge number of sights and places. They get to go to a lot of exciting destinations and meet loads of interesting people across the UK and, in some cases, Europe or even further afield. On top of this they spend hours at a time in your cab where they have access to radio and podcasts that give many HGV drivers language skills and general knowledge that the average office worker just wouldn't have the time to develop.



HGV driving is boring as all they do is sit - HGV drivers have a multitude of responsibilities; planning routes; unloading and loading their vehicles; taking inventory; and, of course, looking after themselves by staying active. There is a lot more to HGV driving than just sitting behind a wheel.