

Key Skills

- knowledge of vehicle and public safety and security
- concentration skills for staying focused while driving
- customer service skills
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device
- the ability to organise your time and workload
- excellent verbal communication skills
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- physical skills like lifting, bending and carrying
- knowledge of transport methods, costs and benefits

Salary

£22,000 - £40,000

Working hours

38 – 52

a week

Evenings/weekends
bank holidays

HGV Driver

Apprenticeship

You could do a Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) Driver C and E Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship.

The armed forces offer some HGV driving apprenticeship roles.

Entry requirements

You'll possibly need some GCSEs, usually including English and Maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship.

Top Tips

Companies often need more HGV drivers at peak times. This demand for jobs can affect salaries.

You could look for seasonal opportunities on retail and delivery company websites or with driver recruitment agencies.

Direct Course

You'll need to get a professional driving qualification called the Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC).

Lots of organisations offer this course. You can find training to become a HGV driver or search for training providers through the National Vocational Driving Instructor Register (NVDIR). You might find it useful to compare several providers before signing up to one.

The course will cover driving skills, basic mechanics and how to load items. At the end of your course you'll need to pass 4 parts of the CPC test which includes:

- a driving theory test
- online case studies
- a test of your practical driving ability
- a practical demonstration test

Work

If you're already working for a transport operator, your employer might support you to get your HGV driving licence.



Career path and progression

You can often increase your salary by working irregular shifts.

With experience, you could:

- do further training to get an Advisory Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) Certificate to drive hazardous items like toxic chemicals
- train to become a HGV driving instructor
- become a transport planner or move into management
- become self employed and work for different companies or set up your own transport company



Day to Day tasks:

As a HGV driver, you could:

- help load and unload goods safely
- plan routes for your deliveries
- keep records of the deliveries you make
- check your vehicle is safe and report any issues you find
- regularly check traffic reports and change your route if needed
- ensure the goods are securely stored in the vehicle
- need to keep your vehicle tidy and safe to drive
- work alone for a large proportion of time
- You will always need to drive safely within the law

Working conditions

Your working environment may be physically active and you'll travel often

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.
Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.



Large goods vehicle drivers	
Weekly Pay £640	Annual Pay £33,280
Hours/Week 48h	Hourly Pay £13
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 0.3%	Replacement 69.2%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 0.3% over the period to 2027, creating 1,100 jobs. In the same period, 69.2% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 230,200 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Land transport, etc Wholesale trade Warehousing, etc Waste management Retail trade</p>	
More info	Clear card

Bus and coach drivers	
Weekly Pay £540	Annual Pay £28,080
Hours/Week 42h	Hourly Pay £13
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 0.3%	Replacement 69.2%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 0.3% over the period to 2027, creating 400 jobs. In the same period, 69.2% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 89,200 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Land transport, etc Education Travel, etc Public admin. & defence Warehousing, etc</p>	
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Transport and distribution clerks and assistants	
Weekly Pay £560	Annual Pay £29,120
Hours/Week 39h	Hourly Pay £14
Workforce Change (projected)	
Contraction -3.2%	Replacement 69.5%
<p>The workforce is projected to contract by -3.2% over the period to 2027, losing 2,200 jobs. In the same period, 69.5% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 48,200 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Land transport, etc Warehousing, etc Wholesale trade Retail trade Services to buildings</p>	
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Labour Market Information

Large goods vehicle drivers

Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) drivers (formerly HGV drivers), collect, transport and deliver goods in rigid vehicles over 7.5 tonnes, articulated lorries and lorries pulling trailers.

Common tasks in this job:

- checks tyres, brakes, lights, oil, water and fuel levels and general condition of the vehicle;
- drives vehicle from depot to loading/unloading point;
- agrees delivery schedule and route with transport management;
- assists with loading/unloading and ensures that load is evenly distributed and safely secured;

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Bus and coach drivers

Bus and coach drivers drive road passenger-carrying vehicles such as buses, coaches and mini-buses.

Common tasks in this job:

- checks tyres, brakes, lights, oil, water and fuel levels and general condition of the vehicle before start of journey;
- drives single- and double-decked vehicle over pre-determined route, complying with traffic regulations and keeping to time schedule;
- stops and opens and closes doors at pre-arranged places to allow passengers to board and alight, observing regulations concerning the number of passengers carried;
- may collect fares from passengers and issue tickets or ensure that they use a ticket machine;

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Transport and distribution clerks and assistants

Workers in this unit group perform various clerical functions relating to the transport and distribution of goods and freight.

Common tasks in this job:

- processes customer orders and forwards requisition documentation to storage and distribution personnel;
- formulates delivery loads, vehicle schedules and routes to be followed by delivery staff;
- monitors tachograph readings and maintains records of hours worked and distance travelled by drivers;
- obtains customs clearance and processes import and export documentation necessary for the movement of goods between countries;

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Keep looking...

Use these links to learn more about our Job of The Week, consider the various pathways leading to the career, what you can be doing now to help yourself and other roles in the industry...

Useful Websites

[Driver \(mod.uk\)](https://www.mod.uk)

[RAF Recruitment | Apprenticeships | Royal Air Force \(mod.uk\)](https://www.mod.uk)

[HGV driver | Explore careers | National Careers Service](https://www.gov.uk)

[Become a qualified heavy goods vehicle \(HGV\) or bus driver: Getting qualified - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[The Typical Career Path of an HGV Driver | Savanna Staff Solutions \(mysavanna.com\)](https://www.mysavanna.com)

[Digital, Transport and Logistics Academy - Boston College](https://www.bostoncollege.ac.uk)

Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

UK's youngest HGV Driver



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOxShtD4bWk&pp=ygUVbGlmZSBhcyBhIGhndiBkcmli dmVv>

A day in the life



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lTPU-NtDxHM&pp=ygUVbGlmZSBhcyBhIGhndiBkcmli dmVv>

HGV Training



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrUio_nK-Hw&pp=ygUTSEdWIERyaXZlciB0cmFpbmluZw%3D%3D

Culina Group



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lml_9GacyqE&pp=ygURY3VsaW5hIGhndiBkcmliZXI%3D

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