



# JOB of the Week



**Job name: Large Goods Vehicle Driver (LGV) & Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV)**

**Job description:** A Large Goods Vehicle Driver (Large goods vehicle (LGV) and heavy goods vehicle (HGV) lorry drivers) transports and delivers goods between suppliers and customers.

**Tasks you will undertake in the job:** As a Large Goods Vehicle Driver, you'll:

- **Day-to-day tasks**
- plan delivery schedules and routes with transport managers
- supervise or help to load and unload goods
- make sure loads are safely secured
- Drive the goods from a depot to its destination following all traffic laws and regulations, obeying the Highway Code
- follow traffic reports and change your route if necessary
- complete delivery paperwork and log books
- **Working environment**
- You could work from a vehicle.
- Your working environment may be cramped and you may spend nights away from home (many LGV drivers sleep in their cabs and park in lorry parks or in lay-bys)



**Skills required for this job (core competencies):**

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

## Restrictions for Large Goods Vehicle Drivers:

You'll need to: have a driving licence that includes LGV for lorries, or PCV for buses, if you work with these vehicles; be over 18 years of age; have a Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) - this is known as the Driver CPC.

The LGV licence test is divided into two categories: Category C1 allows you to drive rigid vehicles up to 7.5 tonnes AND Category C allows you to drive rigid vehicles over 7.5 tonnes.

You would then take a further test to allow you to drive vehicles with trailers (category C+E).

**Salary:** Large Goods Vehicle Drivers are typically paid a starting wage of £18 500, this increases with experience; skilled and experienced Large Goods Vehicle Drivers can expect to earn approximately £35 000 per year.



**Working hours:** Working hours are usually around 50-52 hours per week. It is likely that you will work during some evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays away from home.

## Qualifications to become a Large Goods Vehicle Driver:

You can get into this job through: an apprenticeship; working towards this role and specialist training providers

**Apprenticeship.** You can get into this job through an intermediate apprenticeship as a large goods vehicle driver. You can train to do this role in the armed forces. You can find out more through Army websites. [Entry requirements](#). You'll usually need: GCSEs, usually including English and maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship

**Work.** If you're already working for a transport operator, for example as a clerk, your employer may be willing to put you through training to get your large goods vehicle licence.

**Other Routes.** You can find training providers in your region by searching online. You can also check providers through the Joint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training. It lists providers of refresher training for qualified large goods vehicle (LGV) drivers but many of these also offer initial LGV training. LGV courses last from 1 to 3 weeks and cover driving skills, basic mechanics, and loading and securing loads. The test includes vehicle safety questions, manoeuvres like reversing into a loading bay, 25 miles of road driving and a theory test based on the Highway Code and LGV regulations. It's recommended that you compare several providers before signing up to see what they offer and to make sure it fits your needs.

**Essential skills you need to show:** To succeed as a Large Goods Vehicle Driver, the following personal skills and attributes would give you an advantage:

- knowledge of transport methods, costs and benefits
- physical skills like movement, coordination, dexterity and grace; good eyesight
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- customer service skills
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to operate and control equipment
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

**This job in the future:** The workforce is projected to grow by 0.1%, creating 400 jobs; in the same period, 69.1% of the workforce is likely to retire, creating 230 200 job opportunities.

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