

Ivybridge Community College

Career of the Week



Summer Term

Job Title: HGV Driver

Salary: £22,000 - £40,000 (experienced)

Working Hours: 38 - 52 hours per week. You may work away from home and during weekends / bank holidays. You must be over 18 years of age and have an HGV licence. To stay qualified, every five years you need to take 35 hours of CPC (Certificate of Professional Competence) training and renew your HGV driving licence.

How Can I Get There? / Routes of Entry:

- Apprenticeship (after 18)
- Specialist Training Provider
- Armed Forces

Local Providers:

- MT Training Services
- Torpedo Training
- Big Wheelers South West

Skills Required:

- Knowledge of vehicle and public safety and security
- Concentration skills for staying focused while driving
- Customer service skills
- 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
- To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Employers:

- Gregory Distribution
- DX Network Services Ltd
- Tesco UK

Progression:

You could get further qualified to transport hazardous items such as toxic chemicals. You could train to become an HGV driving instructor. You could work as a transport planner or manage a team. You could set up your own transport company.