



# A career in getting things moving

ORGANISING, co-ordinating, managing, and moving goods is what logistics and supply chains are all about. They involve planning, implementing, and controlling the movement of products and information.

Logistics and supply chains are integral to every industry in the world and operate around the clock facilitating international and domestic trade in all sectors of the economy.

The industry offers a wide variety of career paths, including operational roles e.g.: picking orders in a warehouse or driving heavy goods vehicles, and management and supervisory roles primarily based in the office that involve developing and implementing logistics plans, analyses and optimisation of logistics

frameworks.

In addition to competitive salaries, logistics and supply chain careers offer opportunities for advancement, and career growth as well as opportunities for international travel.

Critical thinking and problem-solving skills are vital for anyone looking to pursue a career in this vibrant and fast-paced industry.

## Earn as you learn

The 'Earn as you learn' Logistics Associate Apprenticeship (LAA) offers career and education options for school leavers and mature students who prefer paid, on-the-job training while studying for a qualification over a full-time college course.

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placements throughout Ireland, representing manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, shipping, and freight forwarding sectors and 375 apprentices have been enrolled since the program was launched in 2018.

## How does the logistics apprenticeship work?

The LAA is a two-year programme providing academic education and practical on-the-job training across the logistics industries. Apprentices enter a contract of 2 years duration, where they will work on a full-time basis with an employer while being paid a salary and spend one day a week with (MTU) Munster Technological University Cork Campus or TU Dublin City campus for their academic studies.

Successful completion of the apprenticeship will lead to a QQI Level 6 Award on the NFQ - Higher Certificate in Logistics.

From that point, there are many routes of progression into Level 7 and even Level 8-degree courses which is one of many key strengths of this programme. Throughout the apprenticeship journey, apprentices acquire the knowledge, skills, and competencies to carry out the core tasks and responsibilities within the logistics sector and upon completion of the program are fully equipped to progress into professional employment.

As part of the programme apprentices complete a work-based project in year 2, which will help them to develop their analytical and problem-solving skills, and which will also



directly benefit the employing organisations. In addition to project work, the apprentices complete a variety of industry modules developed by the LAA consortium throughout program, which are then assessed to achieve certification.

For those seeking a career in this field, an apprenticeship is undoubtedly an attractive option. The apprentice gets an overview of the profession, gains practical work experience, and acquires the necessary qualifications while earning a salary.

## What are the Apprenticeship entry requirements?

- H7/O6 or above in five leaving certificate (or equivalent) subjects. A minimum of grade O6 must be obtained in English. A minimum of grade O6 or a B2 or above in Foundation level must be obtained in mathematics
- Holders of a QQI Level 5 or Level 6 (or equivalent) in cognate areas
- Applicants may also be eligible to become apprentices via Recognition of Prior Learning

## Interested in applying for the apprenticeship?

The next apprenticeship intake will take place in September 2024, and employers are already beginning their recruitment drives.

The first step toward becoming an apprentice is to register your interest at [www.laa.ie](http://www.laa.ie) or to contact us by email: [info@laa.ie](mailto:info@laa.ie)

Upon registering, you will receive an information pack containing tips on finding job placement and a list of registered companies as well as email notifications of apprenticeship position openings

More information can be found at [www.laa.ie](http://www.laa.ie)

## Testimonials from Logistics Apprentices:

### Sarah Ryan

Logistic Apprentice, Hamilton Shipping

My interest in logistics attracted me to the Logistics Associate Apprenticeship.

The best part of the apprenticeship is working with industry experts who provide mentoring throughout the programme.

As part of my role, I am responsible for Imports and exports in both air and sea freight, and I'm gaining vast experience as I learn more about these aspects of freight forwarding.

The Logistics Associate Apprenticeship is a great way to earn while you learn, gain work experience, and get to experience life at a college at the same time. Anyone considering a career in logistics should consider this apprenticeship.

### Shane Buckley

Logistics & Supply Chain Apprentice, DPD Ireland

I decided to Join the Logistics Associate Apprenticeship as I wanted to further my career in the logistics world, and I thought that the apprenticeship would be the best way to do it.

The apprenticeship is a great way to learn and obtain an Industry qualification while earning a salary at the same time.

Anyone who wants to advance a career in logistics should consider this programme and I highly recommend it.

### Kevin Casey

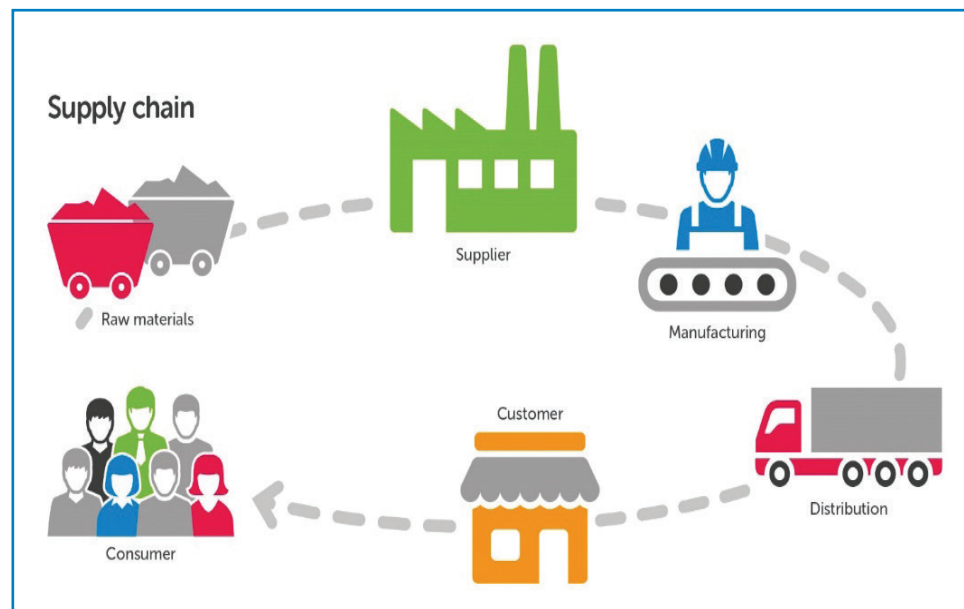
Logistics Apprentice, DSV

As a Working professional, I decided that the Apprenticeship would be the best way for me to broaden my knowledge, enhance my skills, and earn a qualification in logistics that will benefit both my career development and my employer.

Throughout my apprenticeship journey, my employer has been very supportive and encouraging. Being able to attend college one day a week during working hours, and being reimbursed for my annual college registration fees by my employer, has given me a sense of great value as an employee.

The programme provides apprentices the opportunity to develop their skills, learn about the industry, and put what they have learned in college into practice in their workplace.

I highly recommend the Logistics Associate Apprenticeship programme to both future candidates and logistics companies.



**GENERATION APPRENTICESHIP**  
[www.apprenticeship.ie](http://www.apprenticeship.ie)

The Logistics Associate Apprenticeship is a Level 6 Higher Certificate in Logistics and is the first of the industry-led programmes to be delivered by Technological University Dublin and Munster Technological University.

**BENEFIT OF RECRUITING APPRENTICES FOR EMPLOYERS**

- Suitably skilled recruits
- Upskilling existing workforce
- Attracting new people to the freight distribution and logistics sector
- Develop internal agencies
- Build loyalty and reduce staff turnover
- Help with succession planning
- The programme is built around work-related experience and work specific projects

**BENEFITS FOR APPRENTICES**

- Level 6 Award 'Higher Certificate in Logistics'
- Internationally Recognised Qualification
- 'Earn as you Learn'
- Personal Development
- Excellent Career Opportunities
- Getting Third Level Education
- Gaining valuable 'on the job experience'

**MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS ARE A GRADE H7/O6 OR ABOVE IN FIVE LEAVING CERTIFICATE (OR EQUIVALENT) SUBJECTS.**

**ELIGIBILITY VIA RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)**

**THE COORDINATING TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROVIDERS FOR THIS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME ARE TU DUBLIN AND MTU.**

**THE LEAD PROPOSER IS FREIGHT TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION IRELAND (FTAI).**

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