

CAREER FACT SHEET

Freight and Furniture Handlers

Snapshot

Freight and Furniture Handlers load and unload trucks, containers and rail cars, and transfer cargo between ships and other forms of transport and storage facilities

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| How many are employed in this occupation? | 10,600 |
| What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers? | \$1,266 |
| How does unemployment compare with other occupations? | Average |
| What are the job prospects for this occupation? | Low |
| What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years? | Relatively Steady |

Main employing industries

Transport, Postal and Warehousing; Manufacturing; Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- labelling goods with customers' details and destinations
- loading goods into trucks, containers and rail wagons, and securing loads
- assisting to tie down loads and cover them with tarpaulins
- guiding truck drivers into loading bays and through confined spaces
- performing clerical functions to record and check cargo on arrival, storage and despatch
- opening and closing hatches and securing cargo to prevent shifting during voyages
- transferring loads using moving equipment and directing equipment operations using communication systems
- stacking cargo on pallets, trays, flats and slings to facilitate transfer to and from ships

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Transport, Postal and Warehousing

If you're interested in air, road, maritime, rail or land transport, then the Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry could be for you. The Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry is responsible for the safe and prompt delivery of people and goods via a variety of channels, including scenic and sightseeing transport, and for the storage and sorting or «warehousing» of freight before delivery. The sector encompasses logistics (managing & organising the transport), infrastructure, (such as roads, air and rail), and numerous support roles such as customs officers, couriers, tugboat operators and forklift drivers. If you choose this vocational pathway you could work in road transport as a bus, train or taxi driver; in construction as a mobile crane operator; or even in coastal or ocean-going marine operations as a deckhand, engine driver or cook. There are many possibilities!

Possible job pathways

- Air Transport Professionals
- Automobile Drivers
- Bus and Coach Drivers
- Couriers and Postal Deliverers
- Delivery Drivers
- Forklift Drivers
- Freight and Furniture Handlers
- Mail Sorters
- Other Mobile Plant Operators
- Supply and Distribution Managers
- Tourism and Travel Advisers
- Train and Tram Drivers
- Transport Services Managers
- Truck Drivers



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