

Freight Forwarder

Freight forwarders organise the transportation of goods and cargo around the UK and overseas.

ANNUAL SALARY

£16,000 to £40,000

Average UK salary in 2019 was £29,588 (source Office for Statistics)

WORKING HOURS

35 to 40

-4%

FUTURE EMPLOYMENT

There will be 4% fewer Freight forwarder jobs in 2024.

In your local area

What's it all about?

What you'll do

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- arranging routes and schedules, and confirming details with carriers
- booking cargo space with carriers
- negotiating rates and arranging insurance
- calculating weight, volume and cost of goods to be moved
- preparing quotations and invoices
- clearing goods through customs and arranging for duties or taxes to be paid
- preparing contracts such as Letters of Credit
- tracking freight and keeping customers up to date with progress



Entry requirements

Many employers will expect you to have:

- 4 to 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) including English and maths, or equivalent
- experience in office administration or transport

Good computer skills and ability in a foreign language will also be helpful.

You may be able to start on a graduate training scheme with a larger company if you have a degree in a relevant subject like transport and distribution or language and business.

You could get into this job through an apprenticeship.

Employment by region

Region	Jobs
East of England	6,652
Scotland	6,293
North East	2,049
East Midlands	5,199
Northern Ireland	2,203
London	8,097
Yorkshire and the Humber	6,593
South West	5,233
Wales	2,516
West Midlands	7,408
South East	9,341
North West	9,760

Salary

£16,000 to £40,000

Starter salary: £16,000 to £19,000

Experienced salary: £20,000 to 28,000

These figures are a guide.

Working hours

35 to 40

You'll work 35 to 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday. You could work standard office hours, shifts, or flexible hours if you regularly deal with countries in different time zones.

You'll be office-based.

Career path and progression

With experience and training, you could become a Senior Freight Account Manager, Business Development Officer or specialise in a particular type of work like sea freight.

You may also have the opportunity to work abroad, shipping freight back to the UK.