

Freight Handling Subsector

CAREER GUIDE

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FREIGHT HANDLING SUBSECTOR

SUBSECTOR OVERVIEW

The Freight Handling subsector:

- Is a key function of the supply chain management system
- It provides a vital link service to industries which cover all modes of transport
- Is a subsector that handles cargo through ports, airports, and storage in warehouse



Occupations in the Freight Handling Subsector

LOGISTICS MANAGER

Other name variations: **Dispatch Logistics Manager**

Manager

Occupational code: 132402

Brief Job Description

- Manage logistics operations, systems and personnel
- Coordinate purchasing, storage and distribution of goods
- Monitor and manages inventory systems to meet supply and demand
- Negotiate contracts with suppliers

Entry Requirements

- Grade 12 or Equivalent
- Degree in Logistics Management
- Previous experience is essential for this occupation

Required Qualities for Success

- Good organisational and administration skills
- Good negotiation skills
- Excellent technical and IT skills

CRANE OR HOIST OPERATOR

Occupational code: 734301

Brief Job Description

- Operates cranes to move goods or load containers

Entry Requirements

- National Certificate: Lifting Machine Operations
- Medical physical fitness and good eyesight

Required Qualities for Success

- Attention to detail
- Good hand-eye coordination skills

Factors to Consider

- Operating licence depended on the type of equipment and weight of load authorised to lift
- Operating licence are renewed after every two years



FORKLIFT DRIVER

Other name variations: **Forklift Operator**

Occupational code: 734402

Brief Job Description

- Operate lift trucks to move, store, stack, load and offload goods onto vehicles
- Inspecting forklift before and after use

Entry Requirements

- Grade 7 Certificate
- National Certificate: Lifting Machine Operations
- Medical and physical fitness, and good eyesight

Required Knowledge for Success

- Balancing forces that act on a moving forklift
- Health and safety regulation knowledge

Factors to Consider

- Operating licence rates the type of equipment and weight of load authorised to lift
- Operating licence are renewed after every two years
- Good coordination skills

FREIGHT HANDLER

Occupational code: 833301

Brief Job Description

- Loading and offloading packed goods or containers on trucks or rail wagons (cars)
- Moving freight to and from storage by hand or lifting equipment
- Sorting freight before loading and unloading

Entry Requirements

- A General Education and Training Certificate (GETC) or a Grade 9 certificate issued by a school or equivalent

Required Knowledge for Success

- Good numeracy skills
- Good communication skills
- Knowledge of securing loaded goods



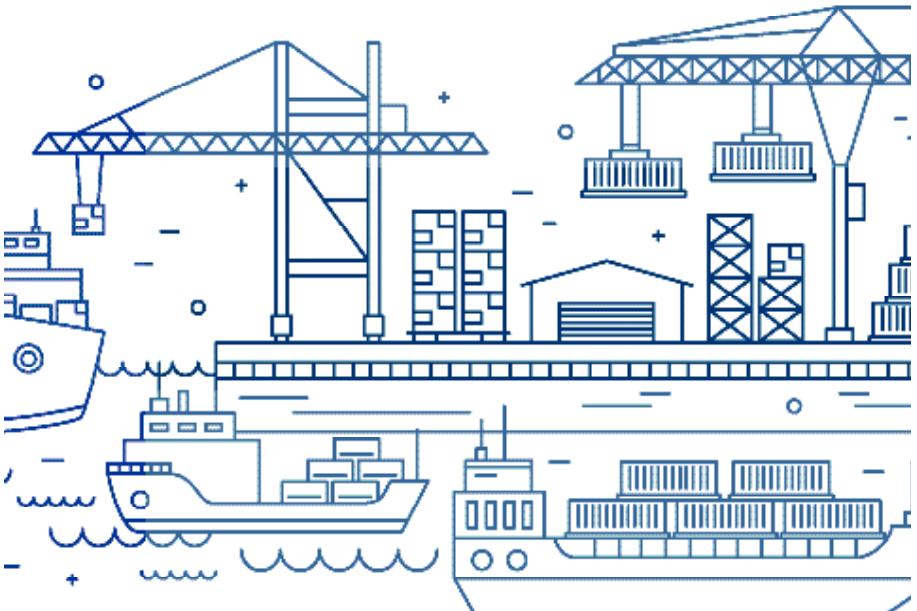
SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

WAREHOUSE MANAGER

See the Forwarding and Clearing Chapter

HARD TO FILL VACANCIES IN THE FREIGHT HANDLING SUBSECTOR

- Truck Driver
- Industrial Engineer
- Transport Clerk
- Safety, Health, Environment and Quality Practitioner
- Electrical Engineer
- Chemical Engineer
- Mining Engineer
- Metal Processing Plant Operator
- Electrical Engineering Technician
- Engineering Supervisor







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