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HGV Driver Shortage – Employment Opportunities

I am writing to you today, as a holder of an HGV driving licence, about the national shortage of HGV drivers. You may know this has been putting pressure on our supply chains for some time and the issue is being taken very seriously in Government, as well as in the UK logistics sector.

Firstly, I would like to thank those of you who are currently driving. You have provided a vital service to the COVID-19 response and you continue to play an incredibly important role in keeping goods moving around the country.

If you no longer working in this sector, I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to consider returning. Your valuable skills and experience have never been more needed than they are now.

There are fantastic HGV driving opportunities in the logistics industry. Conditions of employment and pay have been improving across the sector. As well as attractive pay rates we are seeing more options for flexible working, fixed hours, fixed days, full-time and part-time.

Many employers are offering training packages so even if your Driver CPC has lapsed you are likely to be supported in updating this whether via classroom or online courses. There are a significant number of opportunities, so driving can become an entry point into a much wider pool of job roles.

All sizes of businesses, all different sectors and specialist operators are looking for drivers. There has never been a better time to pick the type of HGV driving job you want.

If you would like to find out more, please visit one of our partner trade bodies,

RHA - <u>www.rha.uk.net/backtodriving</u> Logistics UK - <u>https://logistics.org.uk/skills</u>

We look forward to hearing from you.

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