



# Information for Apprentices - Transport Operations and Commercial Driving



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## What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a programme of structured education and training, which combines on-the-job training with an employer and off-the job learning in an education centre. This programme is a partnership between the Freight Transport Association of Ireland (FTAI) and Atlantic Technological University.

## Benefits of Apprenticeship?

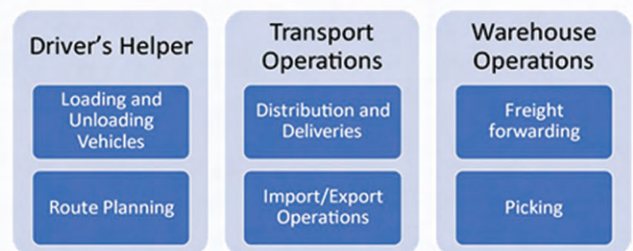
- Earn while you learn – get a salary and a contract of employment while studying
- Achieve a nationally recognised Higher Education qualification
- Provides opportunities for excellent industry experience and career progression

## Who is it for?

If you want to pursue a career in commercial driving, and want to learn about the wider aspects of the role of the commercial driver, this apprenticeship will be of interest. It is suitable for school leavers and career changers.

### What does an apprentice commercial driver do?

There are many roles that you can have as an apprentice commercial driver. You will learn about the industry, your employer's business and the role of the driver while you are preparing for your driving qualifications. You can then put that knowledge into practice in your role.



## What Qualification will I achieve?

The academic award for this apprenticeship is a Higher Certificate (NFQ level 6) in Business in Transport Services from ATU. You will also achieve the C/CE driver licence.



The academic programme is delivered over two years (September – May inclusive).

During the academic term, you will spend one day per week attending online classes (class times below for illustration only).

There is one intake each year in September.

The online classes mean that you can be based anywhere in the country.





## Requirements for the Programme

All applicants must meet the programme entry requirements and medical requirements for driving:

- At least 18 years old at programme commencement
- Must have full 'B' Licence

*Applicants will be required to have a medical report to assist application for a learner permit/driver licence in any of the C categories (truck) C1, C2, C1E, CE.*

### Leaving Certificate

- H7/O6 or above in five Leaving Certificate (or equivalent) subjects.
- Minimum O6 in English
- Minimum O6 or B2 or above in Mathematics

### Mature Candidate over the age of 23 without specified LC qualifications

- Minimum 2 years working in the sector
- Letter of recommendation from employer

### Holders of QQI level 5 or 6 qualification in cognate area eg Business, Logistics, Supply Chain Management

### Holders of Existing C/CE licences

If you already hold a valid full C / CE licence category (for the duration of the programme ) you can apply for exemption from the 5 credit Driving Test Module TECH06023.

### English Proficiency

All lectures, tutorials and practical work are delivered through English. It is vitally important that students who are not native English speakers have the required standard prior to programme entry. The required minimum proficiency score in English for entry is IELTS 5.5 overall, with a minimum score of 5 in each component



### Programme Fee

Apprentices are required to pay €800 per annum student registration fee to ATU.



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