

Logistics technicians

Description

Modern warehousing and distribution centres are very well organised units. Within such centres, logistics technicians are responsible to warehouse and take over the goods, handle the goods and carry out the control of the goods. Their responsibility is also to arrange for the transportation of goods, to receive orders and collect transport documentation, and they also intermediate in customs procedure if the goods move across the country border. In addition, they organise the warehousing and handling of goods, check the status of the goods and the documentation, take care of goods warehousing and distribution in accordance with previously made plans, monitor the status in warehouses/stock levels, monitor the incoming and outgoing of goods and the entire process, and, based on the faults noted, they propose solution to improve the logistics process. Computers and scanners are the tools necessary in carrying out the stock check-ups, warehousing planning and management, preparation of statistical reports, and processing of orders. In goods warehousing and transportation, it is very import to observe the safety policies and standards particularly when 'dangerous' goods are concerned - so as to make sure the goods do not cause any damage.

To work as a logistics technician, you need to have excellent organisation skills, be resourceful, have good spatial awareness and be precise, considering that any defects in documentation may impede the transportation and customs clearance of goods. They have contact with many people within their work and, therefore, it is important that they have good communication skills.

Desirable traits/requirements

- Being organised
- Flexibility
- · Teamwork skills
- Preciseness and accuracy
- Spatial orientation
- · Responsibility and reliability
- · Good communication skills

Positive aspects:

 Logistics technician's job is versatile and responsible. Their work activities are diverse, and so are their fields of work.

Negative aspects:

 Logistics technicians often work over the weekend and during holidays, depending on their field of work.
They often work under pressure. In their daily work they often encounter different challenges and problems which need to be addressed quickly and efficiently.

Career path/field of work

To do the logistics technician's job, you need to finish a four-year secondary vocational school.

Logistics technicians work in distribution centres, in larger companies, trade and service centres within warehouses, as well as in transport and shipping companies.