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We are writing to you, and all HGV driving licence holders, about the national shortage of HGV drivers. As you are undoubtedly aware, this has been putting pressure on UK supply chains for some time. The government and the logistics sectors are working on a range of solutions to ease the shortage.

To those of you who are currently driving, we would like to thank you for the vital service you have provided during the COVID-19 response and the incredibly important role you continue to play in keeping goods moving around the country.

If you are no longer working in this sector, we 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 and 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](https://www.gov.uk/driver-cpc-training) (<https://www.gov.uk/driver-cpc-training>) has lapsed, you can be supported in updating this through classroom or online courses.

Furthermore, given the significant number of opportunities available, driving can become an entry point into a much wider pool of job roles. Businesses of all sizes, in many different sectors, including specialist operators, are looking for drivers. There has never been a better time to find the type of HGV driving job you want.

If you would like to find out more, visit:

- [Logistics UK](https://logistics.org.uk/skills) (<https://logistics.org.uk/skills>)
- [RHA](https://www.rha.uk.net/Back-to-Driving) (<https://www.rha.uk.net/Back-to-Driving>)
- [Become a qualified HGV or bus driver](https://www.gov.uk/become-lorry-bus-driver) (<https://www.gov.uk/become-lorry-bus-driver>)
- [Return to HGV driving](https://www.gov.uk/become-lorry-bus-driver/requalifying) (<https://www.gov.uk/become-lorry-bus-driver/requalifying>)
- [Find training to become an HGV driver](https://www.gov.uk/training-hgv) (<https://www.gov.uk/training-hgv>)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Signed by:

Baroness Vere of Norbiton, Minister for Roads, Buses and Places

David Wells, Chief Executive of Logistics UK

Richard Burnett, Chief Executive of RHA

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