

Careers in Freight Forwarding

If you're ambitious and looking for a diverse and exciting career that can take you from Heathrow to Hong Kong, or from Liverpool to LA then Freight Forwarding could be just the ticket.



Here are just 10 reasons why we think freight is for you.

1. Progression



If you're ambitious, you'll go far with a career in Logistics.

There are numerous examples of managers, at all levels, who started as an apprentice and have gone on to reach senior positions within the sector, or even run their own business.

2. Brexit



We have our finger on the pulse of what a post Brexit Britain could look like.

One of the core functions our members provide is customs services, and as we leave the EU there could be a need for more customs clearance activity for goods coming in from Europe.

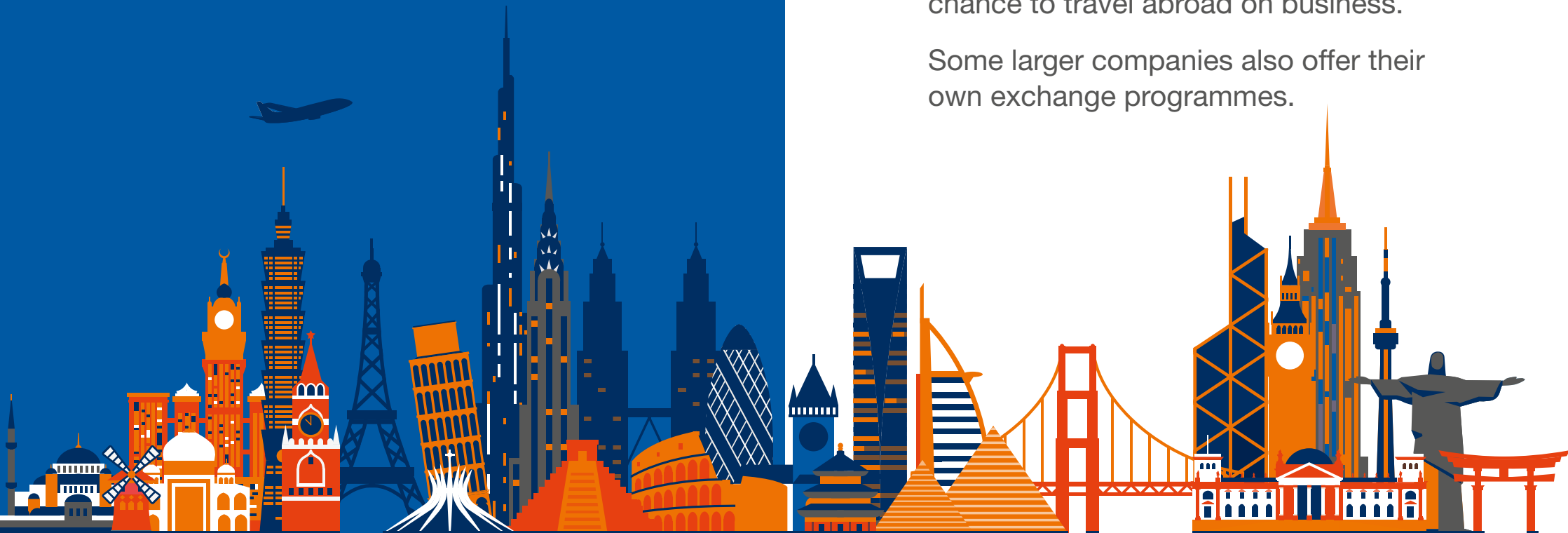
This means new opportunities and the potential for new staff that need training to lead the way in customs procedures.

3. International

Logistics has no barriers and all our members trade internationally.

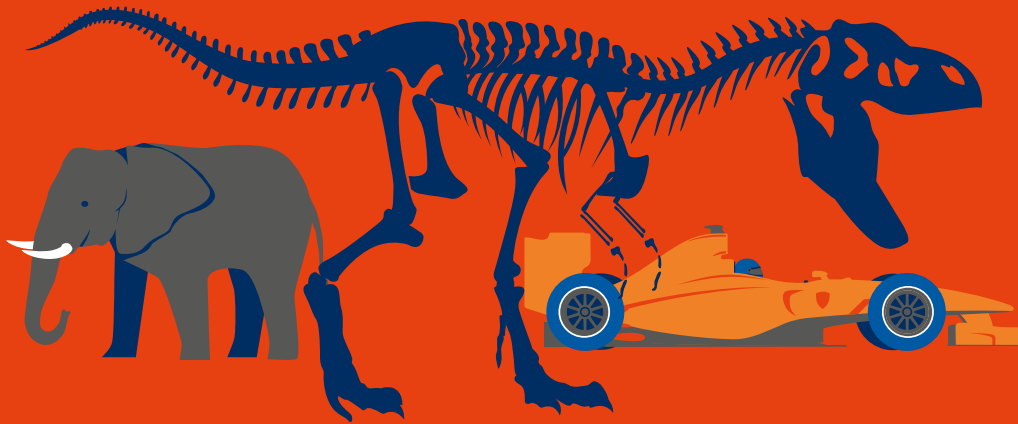
You can be liaising with overseas offices, learning about different working cultures or even getting the chance to travel abroad on business.

Some larger companies also offer their own exchange programmes.





4. Products



No two days are the same. Freight Forwarders and Logistics providers handle millions of shipments every day.

Our members ensure the supply chain to some of the world's most exciting goods are delivered on time and without incident; from diamonds to dinosaur bones, film sets to Formula 1 cars, stadium lighting to live animals.

You name it, our industry has transported it.

5. Pathways



Once you have completed your International Freight Forwarding Apprenticeship, there will be many pathways your career could take.

You could begin your career exporting some of the UK's most valuable products or importing some of the vital goods key to our way of life, you could end up working in customer service, sales, supply chain or even some specialist roles such as aerospace, automotive, retail or events.

6. Interest



Many of our members' apprentices speak with great enthusiasm about how interesting and exciting the industry is.

The variety of the tasks, procedures, products and the international element, combined with its importance to our economy means that once people join, most end up making a long and successful career out of it.



7. Demand

The Logistics industry will always be needed and it offers a stimulating and stable future.

Most companies could not survive if they only traded domestically and in an increasingly globalised world there will always be a requirement for international freight and customs procedures, to ensure products from all over the world can get from A to B.

Whilst markets move and consumer habits change, our industry changes with it - the boom in online ordering has meant that logistics is now more important than ever.

8. Knowledge



BIFA members have expressed their concern over a skills shortage, caused by the amount of knowledge leaving the industry.

Over 70% of our members said they already take on apprentices, and the amount is set to rise with Brexit on the horizon.

9. Getting Hired



Whilst many of the classically high-profile organisations may seem more attractive, they also receive tens-of-thousands of applicants.

If you apply for a job with one of our members you're not only much more likely to be successful, you'll also enjoy an interesting and engaging career, with great long-term prospects.

10. 1400
Members



We have over 1400 members around the United Kingdom, so there is bound to be an employer close to you.

You can find a full list of members via the BIFA website:

<https://bifa.org/members>

Contact one local to you, direct, to kick-start your career in Freight Forwarding.

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