

What is Distributive Operations?

Distributive Operations are essential industries in their own right. They organise the collection, storage and delivery of all types of goods and products from their source to the retailers and customers. Goods may be repackaged after collection, held in warehouses and transported to all corners of the world. It is big business creating many exciting employment opportunities.

What qualities will I need?

The industry operates around warehouses and there will be some demand for those who can lift and carry although forklift truck and crane drivers will carry out most of the heavy work. Learning to operate lifting machinery may be part of the course. You will need to learn about the correct storage of all types of materials including those that are potentially dangerous. You will need to be organised and have good recording skills so that you know where to find consignments you are storing. Often records are computerised and you will need to develop good IT skills.

What will I need to wear?

While on placement overalls, safety boots and hard hats may be required for health and safety reasons. Often fluorescent jackets and waistcoats are worn in warehouses.

What range of courses are available?

Through the TVC there are two Level 1 courses. Either will qualify you to do a basic job but are more likely to lead to an apprenticeship

What opportunities will this course open for me?

Most Distributive students will progress on to an apprenticeship or work with a company that will offer further training. Some may progress to Further Education and learn more about the industry progressing through Levels 2 and 3 to Higher Education. This is a big industry and there will be a wide range of opportunities available.