

Discover the

SUPPLY CHAIN

See where you might fit in

Canada's supply chain employs more than 700,000 people in a wide range of roles. One of those jobs could be perfect for you!

What is a SUPPLY CHAIN?

Companies involved in the various stages of the following process are linked to each other through a supply chain:

1. supply of materials to a manufacturer
2. manufacturing
3. the distribution of finished goods through a network of distributors and retailers to a final customer

To facilitate the flow of products, information is shared up and down the supply chain, i.e. with suppliers and clients. This sharing of information enables all of the companies that are part of a supply chain to plan appropriately to meet current and future needs.

Working in the SUPPLY CHAIN SECTOR

Jobs are available at managerial, tactical and operational levels in seven diverse functional areas:

- senior management
- logistics information systems
- warehousing
- transportation
- inventory/material control
- purchasing
- marketing and sales

This means you could be anything from a **shipper/receiver, warehouse labourer or retail buyer to a manager in computer and information systems or sales and marketing.**

You can build a **career in the supply chain.**

Why work in the supply chain? Here are some clues:



As a young person, I just wanted to find a job and make some cash. After high school, I couldn't afford to stay in college, so I started driving a truck, from which I journeyed into the supply chain sector, making possible personal and professional growth that I could never have foreseen. I have had opportunities to exceed all of my educational goals, undertake interesting and challenging tasks, travel the world and, at the same time, provide a comfortable life for my family and myself. My advice to someone looking for an exciting career is to consider the supply chain; come see where this path can take you!

Darren Christie
Executive Director, Motor Carrier Division
Manitoba Government, Winnipeg, Manitoba

I have been working in the supply chain for more than 20 years and find great satisfaction in my work because of its daily challenges. The range of functions covered by the supply chain makes every day exciting. I work with a variety of service providers in transportation, customs, freight forwarding, our own labour force, distribution-centre operations, and many other fields. Dealing with all these different players has given me a great understanding of world trade and the requirements to get a product to the marketplace on time.

Philippe Leblanc
Director, Business Development
Metro Canada Logistics, Dorval, Quebec

I love being in supply chain because it's exciting, challenging, ever-changing and evolving. Opportunities are wide and varied for anyone who wishes to explore them. Imagine being a supervisor, as I was, on a receiving dock and then, less than 12 years later, being the Vice President of Supply Chain for one of the largest retailers in Canada. I've worked in an office environment and in warehouses, have held positions with large and small companies, have done inventory management, accounting, purchasing, warehouse operations, management and more. If you are looking for a career with lots to offer, supply chain is definitely it!

Lesley Smith
VP SupplyChain
Wal-Mart Canada, Mississauga, Ontario

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Opportunity

About 86,330 employees, or 12.3% of the sector's current workforce, will be needed each year over the next few years to fill anticipated new jobs and vacancies resulting from retirements and turnover.

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