

JOB DESCRIPTION

HGV CLASS 1 TIMBER LORRY DRIVER

Responsible to: Forest Works Manager (FWM)
Reports to: Forest Works Manager

Outline of Post:

As a member of a small timber haulage team, the job holder will drive an HGV Class 1 to safely and efficiently transport round wood logs from the forest to the sawmill ensuring compliance with all internal policies, statutory regulations, and best practice guidance.

Terms of work:

Salary: As per Log Haulage Productivity Scheme
Sign-On bonus (payable following satisfactory 6 month probation period)
Length of Service Award
Company Pension scheme
Paid Driver CPC Training
Company work wear provided

Status: Full time, Permanent (following satisfactory 6 month probation period).

Holidays: 28 days (including statutory days); made up of 23 set days, 5 floating days booked in advance as required.

Main Duties

Safe Vehicle Operation

- Safely operate HGV Class 1 (C+E) vehicle on public and forest roads while strictly adhering to Drenagh Sawmills HGV Driver Handbook, road traffic laws, FISA recommendations, Forest Site Safety Plans, Company Health & Safety rules, policies & procedures.
- Maintain legal driving hours in line with regulations.
- Complete daily vehicle checks & record details on Drivers Daily Defect Report to ensure compliance with safety regulations.
- Report maintenance & breakdowns to FWM and communicate with maintenance team, service providers as required.
- Carry out basic vehicle maintenance, minor repairs and vehicle cleanliness as required.

Loading and Off-loading

- Loading and off-loading of round wood timber using a lorry-mounted crane (HIAB) ensuring proper handling and following safety protocols. Ensure logs are correctly positioned and secured to prevent any movement or damage during transit.

Cargo Security

- Secure loads with appropriate straps or other approved methods following FISA guidance on load security of transporting round wood timber.

Forest Site Security

- Ensuring site security to protect timber stocks by opening/closing and securing off all gates and barriers

Record Keeping and Compliance

- Accurate completion & submission of necessary load records.
- Complete Weekly Transport Information Sheet.
- Maintain up-to-date Driver CPC records and abide by tachograph regulations, ensuring legal driving hours are not exceeded.

Collaboration and Communication

- Plan & co-ordinate delivery schedules along with FWM to optimize time and fuel efficiency.
- Report any operational challenges, delays, or incidents promptly to FWM.
- Maintain good communication with FWM, NI Forest Service Staff, Harvesting Operators & sawmill personnel as required.
- Make positive contributions in team meetings.
- Participate in training events organised by the Company.
- Any other such duties which are in keeping with the main purpose of this role.