

Brewery Assistant, Packaging

Company Overview

Kinnegar Brewing is one of Ireland's established independent breweries, making a range of high quality beers at our facility in Letterkenny, Co Donegal. The brewery is an exciting and challenging enterprise in Ireland's food and drink economy.

The team at K2 is colourful, and not just because of the Kinnegar shirts we wear. Male and female, young and old(er), Irish and international, engineers and artists— we are a mixed bunch and we really value our diversity.

A typical member of staff is good humoured, energetic and hard-working, with a willingness to shoulder responsibility and use plenty of initiative and common sense. He/she understands the importance of adhering to agreed operating procedures and the paramount importance of attention to detail in every aspect of our work.

The Job

Your first home will be with the packaging team. Over time, like many of our staff, your role has the potential to include responsibilities across brewing, cellaring and packaging operations. Your career progression will be determined by your aptitude and ability.

The Packaging Department

Kinnegar's beer is distributed in bottles, cans and on draught so the responsibilities of the packaging department are varied. A large proportion of our beer is either bottled (using a semi-automatic 6-head Meheen filler) or canned (on our 4-head Wild Goose canning line). The packaged product is then cased and prepared for distribution. The balance of each batch is racked into 30-litre kegs.

Your Responsibilities

Together with the rest of the staff, you will prepare for the packaging of each batch. You will work in every phase of the packaging process. Responsibilities will include all aspects of operating our canning and bottling lines. You will keg draught beer.

You will be responsible for accurately recording the output of the packaging department and filing the required paperwork. You will partake in the stocktaking and ordering routine of the packaging department.

You will maintain the storage of the stock and fulfill orders of packaged beer both on pallets and in the brewery delivery van.

You will undertake a variety of additional duties dependent upon your skill set. Examples include deliveries, festivals and events, and all the miscellaneous aspects of a small independent brewery's activity.

Job Requirements

You will enjoy working with other members of staff in a challenging environment where self-motivation, enthusiasm, energy and common sense are highly prized qualities.

You will be practically-minded and are likely to have a formal engineering or science background. You will be familiar with machines and technology and will have experience with user interfaces.

You will be both creative and methodical in your approach to trouble shooting and problem solving. You will demonstrate an excellent level of attention to detail and a genuine interest in creating a finely-crafted, quality food product.

You will have a suitable level of physical fitness and ability for undertaking the tasks required. You will be a confident driver with a full clean driver's licence.

Hours of Work

The brewery's schedule is dictated by the pace of brewing, fermentation and conditioning of the product. It is therefore not entirely predictable. You will often work within standard industrial hours of 8am to 5pm but you will be flexible enough to undertake shifts outside these hours at times when the production timetable so dictates.

As our output increases, so too does the length of our days. On longer days we operate a shift pattern from 6am to 10pm. Shifts are equitably shared and the team works together to ensure that the demands of each other's lives are accommodated to the greatest extent possible.

While we expect a certain level of flexibility in work schedules, in return we offer as much flexibility as is practical. We operate a weekly rota for production staff.

This is a full-time position.

Experience

Prior experience in beer packaging is preferred but is not imperative. You must however demonstrate that you have the skills, versatility and temperament required to work efficiently and accurately in a production environment where the schedule can at times be highly demanding.

Salary

We will offer an industry-standard remuneration package based on your skill level.

How to Apply

Please send us your CV and a letter or email of application. We will shortlist candidates and arrange interviews at the brewery where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the working environment and the job requirements.

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