

Gordon J Pownall – Supporting Statement and CV - Driving

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to both enquire and register my interest in any driving roles available for a qualified C+E LGV / HGV 1 Driver. I took early retirement from the NHS in June 2023 where I worked as an Associate Director and with a love of driving, I now hold a full C+E LGV licence and I have also undertaken and successfully passed and hold the Southampton Docks DP World Drivers Certificate of Competence, Portico (Portsmouth Docks assessment) as well as holding London Gateway, Felixstowe and Immingham Dock Cards and I have undertaken additional training to enhance my skills.

I am a forces veteran and prior to working in the NHS, I served in the Royal Air Force Air Traffic Control branch where I gained experience driving larger vehicles up to 7.5 tons and gained extensive experience living and working overseas and driving left hand drive vehicles in Europe and so I would be very interested in working in and across Europe if the opportunity to do so presents itself.

I have held a full driving licence for 38 years and I also hold a full motorbike licence.

I hold full and in date CPC and have a digital tacho card and I am fully conversant with the requirements and rules regarding these. I also have a thorough and fresh knowledge of HGV driving regulations as well as the EU working time directives. In addition, I am a qualified first aid instructor and hold a First Aid at Work qualification that remains valid for the next three years.

I believe myself to be reliable, honest, conscientious and I am now looking to establish myself in a second career as a professional HGV driver, using those people skills and self-discipline gained from my previous roles in a new role and make a commitment to my new employer by becoming quickly capable and competent.

I have always adopted a 'can do', positive attitude, understanding the importance of working to deadlines, working under pressure and I am flexible regarding working patterns, time away from home, tramping etc – none of these present any challenges or difficulties and I can be available at quite short notice if required.

I am also confident and comfortable with commuting as far as is needed to depots / bases despite my living on the Isle of Wight. Any shift patterns would be fine including weekends, nights, four on / four off, five from seven etc.

I do believe that I would bring both maturity and life experience to the role whilst offering assurance to you that my 38 years driving experience including overseas driving experience will be complemented by my skills as a class C+E LGV driver.

I have worked as a large tanker driver (non-ADR) on the Isle of Wight in Class 2 vacuum tanker vehicles as well as working as an HGV Class 1 Trumper, working out of Southampton and operating nationally. I have undertaken additional reversing training to enhance my skills and abilities and have experience of containers 20ft – 45ft, flatbed trailers, walking floors, tippers, roping and sheeting, curtain siders as well as rigids, transporting a diverse range of products ranging across high value loads, loose and bagged materials and palletised goods.

I can provide excellent references on request and more than happy to offer any other information you may feel would help my application to you for any future roles that arise including copies of any certificates / passport / driving licence etc that may be required or helpful to you. I am of course willing to undergo any assessments and further training to improve my worth and skills as needed.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course and thank you for the time taken to read my message.

With regards,

Gordon

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<p>Personal Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nationality: British • Full driving licence – Class 1 and 2 (C+E)
<p>Introduction Statement</p>	<p>Gordon was a professionally trained and experienced NHS and Social Care Senior Director and Commissioner. Excellent interpersonal / customer services and human resources skills employed in a range of disciplines with a logical and systematic approach to problem solving and attention to detail.</p> <p>Prior to being based on the Isle of Wight, I was Head of Integrated Commissioning (Health and Social Care) for Bexley previously was Head of Specialised Mental Health Commissioning for the East of England. I also work as a Care Commissioner for the States of Jersey which is an approximate 12 days per year role.</p> <p>I retired from the NHS in June 2023 and seeking to continue and expand my career as an HGV (Class C+E) driver in the UK and Europe.</p> <p>Whilst I live on the Isle of Wight, I am happy to commute to the mainland and travel as required at short notice to bases / depots nationwide to fulfil any role in the transport industry as a class C or C+E driver.</p> <p>My particular interests are tramping work, as well as European or long-distance roles (I have significant European driving experience having lived in Germany for 3 years) and I have experience across a diverse range of trailers and loads including :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacuum Tankers • Rigid • Flatbed • Curtainsiders • Walking Floors • Tippers • Double Decker Curtainsiders • Containers – 20ft – 45ft <p>I have also driven Class 2 and smaller goods vehicles including agricultural vehicles.</p> <p>All the above includes safe operation of the trailers as well as safe load securing / roping and sheeting etc...</p> <p>I have also undertaken driving assessments successfully and have completed additional training at my own expense to enhance my skills further including specialist complex HGV 1 reversing techniques.</p> <p>In terms of qualification, I hold :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full C+E LGV licence • Class C1E licence • Full CPC card (no update required for 4 years) • Digital tachograph card • DP World Gateway Certificate (Southampton) • London Gateway Dock Card • Felixstowe Dock Card • Immingham Dock Card • Portico Induction (Portsmouth Docks) • First Aid at Work Certificate
<p>Additional Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I speak limited conversational French and German and have European Driving Experience • Excellent work, character and academic references are available upon request • I have taught and trained throughout my sailing, NHS and RAF careers and have continually undertaken CPD training as well as delivered a wide range of training in a variety of settings.

Employment History	
October 2024 – Present	<p>Goldstar, Southampton Employed as a Class 1 Trumper based out of Southampton Depot. Operating with a range of containers from 20ft – 45ft including reefers, moving diverse loads to and from dock sites, to and from client locations nationally. Holder of Southampton, Felixstowe, Immingham and London Gateway Dock Cards.</p>
June 2024 – October 2024	<p>Acclaim Logistics Employed as a Class 1 Driver and trumper, based on Isle of Wight but mostly operating on the mainland operating a range of vehicles including Class 1 and 2, walking floor loads, tippers and curtainsiders and rear steer trailers, delivering a range of general haulage and varied loads across UK.</p>
April 2024 – June 2024	<p>Kinaxia Logistics Employed as a Class 1 trumper, working out of Southampton and delivering nationally with a diverse range of palletised and non-palletised goods. This was a general haulage role on flatbeds, curtain sides and rigids and included building materials, high value products and a diverse range of loads.</p>
February 2024 – Present	<p>Empty Quick and Cheverton Farm – HGV Driver (non ADR vacuum Tankers) Employed on Class 2 vacuum tanker vehicles across the Isle of Wight. Being ‘on call’ as required and undertaking work to ensure the safety and security of water supplies / water removal and non-ADR loads from large industrial plants and agricultural settings.</p>
July 2023 – Present	<p>Care Commissioner States of Jersey <i>This is a part time role with a commitment of approximately 12 days per year and is ongoing.</i></p>
April 2003 – Present	<p>RYA / MCA Sailing and Powerboat Instructor / Examiner Prometheus Sailing (formerly Sunsail) Employed on a zero hours contract as a yachting / motorboat sailing Instructor and MCA Examiner.</p>
February 2009 – June 2023	<p>Associate Director of Commissioning NHS clinical and senior managements posts across the UK and was a sessional Lecturer at Hertfordshire University.</p>
<p>Prior to this I was employed as a Manager by two Charities and worked with children and young people in London. I am a forces veteran having served in the Royal Air Force in the Air Traffic Control Branch.</p>	

Qualifications / Experience

I meet these criteria through qualification and experience. I have held a full driving licence for 38 years and this includes cars, vans, motorbikes and I have a wide range of experience with larger vehicles including a range of agricultural vehicles, a diverse range of Class 1 trailers and Class 2 vehicles and a wide and diverse range of load securing methods etc. I hold the Southampton Docks DP World Drivers Certificate of Competence and Dock Card, the Portico (Portsmouth Docks) induction certificate, London Gateway, Immingham and Felixstowe Dock Cards and hold a full LGV (C+E) licence.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

I am an effective communicator at all levels, both verbally and in writing as well as online. I quickly establish my credibility with colleagues and have on occasion, appropriately challenged to achieve quality standards and address concerns. In my previous career, I was required to work and act with tact, diplomacy and the ability to remain objective. Understanding the perspective of those we are supplying services to and delivering quality is vital to achieving the best outcomes without compromising values or performance requirements. I am also a qualified First Aid Instructor.

Analysis and Judgement

My previous roles required me to be numerate and my experience and skill in budget planning and management enables me to keep accurate records, analyse paperwork and deal with complicated information effectively and in a timely manner. I am organised and self-managing, realising the importance of maintaining records and ensuring personal compliance with both Driving Hours Regulations and Working Time Directives.