

Brewery Assistant | Packaging

Company Overview

Kinnegar Brewing is one of Ireland's established independent breweries. Kinnegar makes a range of high quality beers at its 35HL facility in Letterkenny, County Donegal. In a flourishing craft brewing sector, the brewery is a small but exciting and challenging enterprise in the provincial food and drink economy.

The Packaging Department

Kinnegar's beer is distributed in bottles, cans and on draught so the responsibilities of the packaging department are varied. Over the course of two to four weeks the beer moves through the production process from the brew house to fermentation tanks and conditioning cellar. When suitably conditioned a large proportion of the beer is either bottled (using a semi-automatic 6-head Meheen filler) or canned (on our 2-head Wild Goose canning line). The packaged product is then placed into cardboard cases and prepared for distribution. The balance of each batch is racked into 30-litre kegs and readied for distribution.

Your Responsibilities

Together with the rest of the staff, you will prepare for the packaging of each batch. You will work in all phases 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.

Bottling and kegging beer requires an understanding of the use of gases and pressure in the packaging process and you will be trained thoroughly to establish this expertise.

Job Requirements

Kinnegar seeks a self-motivated employee who is interested in beer and willing to develop an understanding of the general brewing process.

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 mechanically-minded even though you might have no formal engineering or science background. 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 artisan food product.

You will have a suitable level of physical fitness and ability for undertaking the tasks required. A full clean driver's licence is essential but a vehicle is not.

Hours of Work

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

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 packaging staff.

This can be a full time or part-time (up to 32 hours per week) position dependent upon the skills of the successful candidate.

Experience

Prior experience in beer packaging is not required. However, you must demonstrate that you have the skills required to work efficiently and accurately in a production facility 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 short 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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ABOVE & BELOW Our hard-working Meheen bottling line is used to fill 500ml bottles of our core range for the domestic market.





ABOVE Steel kegs are filled for our domestic market throughout Ireland.

BELOW Plastic “key kegs” — recyclable and also made from recycled material — are used for Kinnegar’s export markets.





ABOVE & BELOW Our Wild Goose canning line was commissioned in May 2018 and is now playing a fundamental role in Kinnegar's packaging department.

