

Coach company recruiting for service-leavers

A Derbyshire coach company is encouraging veterans to apply for new driving vacancies after National Express pledged to guarantee job interviews for service leavers.

Heanor-based Your Bus, which operates around a hundred services on behalf of National Express, has 15 driving vacancies on offer and Driver Training Officer Peter Jones is particularly keen for ex-forces personnel to apply.

This follows a groundbreaking promise made by the UK's largest coach operator to interview all service leavers for its driving roles. Earlier this year, National Express became the first company in the country to sign the government's Corporate Covenant, a commitment to support people who have served in the Armed Forces put in place to ensure nobody faces disadvantages in civilian life through having served.

Of course, all people – whether ex-service or not – are welcomed to apply for the roles, but Peter is keen veterans are made aware of the fact they are eligible for a guaranteed interview for the roles.

Veterans simply need to meet minimum criteria including holding a valid PCV license and, for safety reasons, living within an hour of the depot.

Whilst a guaranteed interview does not automatically mean a guaranteed job, it is hoped the chance to be interviewed professionally with constructive feedback, gives a valuable leg-up to ex-forces personnel, many of whom will not have had an interview since joining the forces.

Your Bus Driver Training Officer Peter Jones said:

“We’re really pleased to have driving jobs on offer and hope the promise of a guaranteed interview acts as a helpful spur to encourage ex-service personnel to apply. There is a wonderful camaraderie here at Your Bus and we really look forward to welcoming new recruits on board.”

A number of full time roles are available, and successful applicants will join a 300-strong team at Your Bus and drivers will operate routes including those to Gatwick Airport, London Victoria and Bradford.

Candidates can apply via our websites at www.catchyourbus.co.uk/ job applications, in writing to:

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