

Weighbridge Operator

Michelle Studley is Weighbridge Operator at Avon Metals

I first started as a weighbridge operator in 2007. I had worked in many different industries previously and I was looking for a new position.

A recruitment agency had a Depot Administrator role including weighbridge duties for a company that recycled cardboard and paper and asked if I was interested.



I started the role with no previous experience or qualifications but have since completed a WAMITAB Level 3 Weighbridge Operations.

This role would suit someone with the following skills:

- they are organised
- able to retain information
- able to listen and communicate clearly
- can keep a level head when dealing with challenging people
- professional customer service skills under pressure



Elliot Ashton is Weighbridge Operator at Kuusakoski Recycling

I previously held a position in warehousing and transport but that was not what I wanted to do in the long-term.

I was approached by a recruitment agency and this position with Kuusakoski came up. I have been here for seven months.

I did not hold any previous qualifications that were required to be able to do this job. Instead, I had previous experience and skills from working in transportation which transferred across and helped me fit into my new role with Kuusakoski.

These skills varied from safe operating procedures and working with heavy machinery to organisational skills I developed through overseeing warehouse operations and problem solving.

This role would suit someone with the following skills:

- Multitasking - in a job as fast paced as this. You cannot afford to focus 100% of your efforts into just one task at a time, you need to be able to look at the bigger picture and coordinate your workload to keep the yard running as smoothly and effectively as possible.
- IT literacy and familiarity with IT systems - These are beneficial as most of my work is computer based.

Someone who has the drive and wants to learn would have no problem developing these skills on the job while they are undergoing initial training. I think it helps to have some transferrable skills but ultimately the people who succeed in this role are willing



To learn and develop to get up to speed in a busy workplace.

This role does not suit someone looking to do the bare minimum as it can lead to substantial delays for the yard. You need to be keen and ready to be a team player.

I don't think you need to have tremendous grades or a stellar educational history to find a role with great potential. I have AS levels in Media Studies, Public Services, and Performing Arts which do not directly relate to my role.

But don't underestimate the possibilities or potential for personal development that are available through a Green Career. What may seem like a minor position can quickly evolve and build up to be a full-blown career with the possibility to achieve a multitude of licenses, qualifications, and training.

Metals recycling is a £7 billion sector and comprises an estimated 2,000 businesses and employs over 15,000 people. It is an established globally competitive industry that provides essential raw material from recycling for metals manufacture, which in turn enables a significant reduction in use of energy and virgin resources.