
Fastway Couriers adds 600 seasonal roles to tackle the Christmas period

Parcel deliveries are predicted to increase by over 60pc in Q4 of this year, compared to the same period last year for Fastway in Ireland.

Fastway Couriers (Ireland) is ramping up its delivery operations by creating 600 seasonal roles, including drivers and warehouse staff throughout its Irish network, to support the expected increase in delivery volumes for the remainder of the year.

The move to hire more staff comes as parcel deliveries are predicted to increase by over 60 per cent in Q4 of this year, compared to the same period last year for the group.

Fastway Couriers was founded as a franchise in Ireland in 2001, having originated in New Zealand in 1983, and is one of the four largest courier delivery businesses in Ireland, handling over 25 million parcels every year. The company employs and supports over 800 people throughout the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Fastway Couriers (Ireland) also run the Parcel Connect brand for online shopping delivery services, providing the largest pick-up and drop-off network in the country.

Danny Hughes, CEO of Fastway Couriers Ireland said; "As the business evolves and grows, we continue to invest in our franchisees, colleagues, technology, and infrastructure to meet the growing demand of our valued customers.

"We're super excited for this year's peak season and the many challenges it will bring. We learn each year and have fine-tuned our process and procedures to cater for exceptional seasonal volume growth."

Mr Hughes added that the decision to invest in hiring 600 seasonal roles was "an easy one".

"It cements our vision and our continued commitment to our customers, to deliver a cost-effective, reliable, top-quality service, and this is especially important during the peak period.

"Not only that, these additional seasonal positions will support our Courier Franchisees to continue to deliver the highest possible level of service to customers," he said.

Over the last number of years, the dramatic increase in online activity has been phenomenal, however, this has been supercharged by Covid-19.

The company is strongly positioned within the retail and e-commerce space and with the additional investment in seasonal drivers and warehouse staff, means the network will be well equipped to handle the expected increase in traffic from online shopping.

"The role of a seasonal driver can be a challenging one and can be particularly demanding during peak season," added Elaine Mailey, HR director at Fastway Couriers.

"However, it can also be a very rewarding job, especially when you deliver that all-important special package for that someone special or from someone very special."

For anyone interested in applying for a role at Fastway Couriers, you can send your CV to jobs@fastway.ie, text 0860672156 to express your interest, or alternatively, you can visit the [company's website](#).

By Stephen Larkin

Published: 15 October, 2020