

Job Description – Policy Advocate – Infrastructure and Operator Licensing England & Wales

Reports to: Director of Policy – England & Wales
Based: Home Based
Hours: Monday to Friday inclusive, (totalling 35 hours per week) *A flexible approach to working hours is required*

About Us

The Road Transport Industry is a dynamic, business critical sector upon which the UK economy depends. The RHA is a trade association dedicated to the needs of UK road transport operators of vans, lorries and coaches. It is the voice of these professions, a champion of, and a respected partner to the broader commercial transport community. We represent approximately 8,000 member companies.

Job Purpose

To act as a key player in the RHA and to drive the Policy team forward through leadership, passion and an ability to influence at all levels.

To lead across the policy areas of interest and importance to RHA members, in particular road infrastructure and investment, parking facilities, road user charging, DVSA policy and enforcement, FORS & CLOCS, the operator licensing system, policing and security and terrorism/migrants.

To act as a lead on these areas of interest and importance to RHA members.

Key responsibilities and duties

- To represent, influence and confidently argue on behalf of the RHA and its membership on road investment, road infrastructure management, lorry parking and road user charging issues.
- To provide advice, reports and associated policy documentation on the licensing and regulation of haulage operators and other relevant matters.
- To recommend changes to existing legislation and regulations that will positively affect the road haulage industry
- To research the key policy areas outlined and draft RHA policy positions, taking account of member views and needs, for adoption by the RHA.
- To build sound relationships with officials, regulators and others (nationally and regional government), to maintain and strengthen their confidence in the RHA as a clear and reliable representative of the industry.
- To work closely with other Policy team members to provide a cohesive and consistent message internally and externally, to share expertise and ensure policy matters are communicated widely to the Marketing & Communications teams.
- To positively represent the RHA and its members in all activities and to attend member events to outline policy work being done by the team.
- To be aware of the concerns from the public and others in relation to the impact of the haulage industry on road safety, the environment and society.

- To build effective and strong relationships with internal departments, including Area Managers to benefit from the efficient sharing of information and knowledge.
- To undertake any other reasonable task as may be requested of the postholder.

Key skills

- Highly professional and presentable, at all times
- Exceptional skilled at the art of influencing and negotiating with a proven track record in these areas
- Strong at influencing and persuading in a professional manner upholding the reputation of the RHA at all times
- Ability to develop contacts in the transport industry and related stakeholders.
- Strong organisational skills with attention to detail and a methodical approach
- Outstanding communication – in writing and the ability to present to groups of varying sizes and backgrounds your aim is to make the important highly accessible.
- An ability to inspire others and to demonstrably enthuse about the value of the RHA, the industry, and articulate the key issues and concerns of members
- A proven track record within the haulage or political arena in relation to the activities of the role
- An ability to network and build a strong and robust set of key relationships
- IT literate and including Powerpoint, Word, Excel and Outlook
- Demonstrate a willingness to work flexibly to respond to the evolving needs of the RHA
- To hold a full driving licence and be willing to travel for work

General Responsibilities:

All employees of the RHA have the following responsibilities:-

Health and Safety

- To take responsibility for your own health, safety and welfare, being conversant and ensuring compliance with the organisation's policies and procedures

Training and Development

- To undertake all reasonable training, learning and development activity designed to support you in your role

Diversity and Equality

- To be responsible for your own behaviour and act in a manner that avoids and discourages any form of discrimination or harassment

Quality Policy

- To be responsible for the activities required to support the organisation's Quality Policy

Data Protection Policy

- To be responsible for the activities required to support the organisation's Data Protection Policy.