



Greater Wellington

April 2024 Update

Driver Establishment & Recruitment – March 24

Current Qualified Drivers	Required Driver Staff Establishment	Variance	Commentary
278	278	0	 3 In tutor training 1 in training school



Driver Recruitment & Retention

Current Recruitment Campaigns

- Ongoing advertisements in Seek, Trade Me and various on-line outlets;
- Continued liaison with MSD, Te Wahi Awhina and Treehouse recruitment;
- Staff shuttles from Upper Hutt and Porirua continue to operate;
- Bus back recruitment advertising;
- We have a steady stream of local applicants.





Driver Recruitment & Retention

- Our average turnover over the last 4 months is less than 1%;
- We have taken steps over the last 12 months to improve employee engagement with communication initiatives, such as Direct 2 U sessions which are attended by senior management;
- We have implemented driver Reward & Recognition programs;
- We run an annual staff wellbeing challenge.





Depot Celebrations

"Driver of the Quarter" along with reward & recognition of staff







Driver Recruitment & Retention

- We are supporting our overseas employees with visa extensions applications;
- We have engaged an immigration agency, Malcolm Pacific, who are assisting drivers with their applications;
- We have recently run seminars for the offshore drivers to provide information to them on how to make their residency applications;
- We have kept our "job check" valid so we can hire offshore drivers if needed, although our focus is on local recruitment where possible;
- We are engaging with an MBIE representative based in Fiji regarding the Pacific access category visa programme.





Women up Front – Driver program



TARGETING 50% WOMEN DRIVERS

Women Up Front - Trainee Bus Driver program

We're encouraging more women to join our friendly fleet of drivers living life in the bus lane through our unique Women up Front - Trainee Bus Driver program.

The program targets 'people people' who don't have a bus driver's license but do have excellent customer service skills, offering the support and training required to be fully qualified and confident behind the wheel.





Blink App Trial Launch







Blink App Trial











Fleet

- Our total Wellington fleet is 160, made up of:
 - 17 x Double Deckers
 - 82 x Large Bus
 - 51 x EV's
 - 10 x Medium Bus
- Average fleet age as of March is 9.5 years;
- 32% of the fleet are EV's;
- All the current EV's can be driven on a class 2 licence;
- Route 2 is a dedicated EV route;
- We have a further 16 EV's due early 2025.





Thank you