



Amazon UK commences hiring for 19,000 seasonal roles as Christmas approaches

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Amazon's annual seasonal hiring is in addition to 700 permanent positions already created in 2015

London – 8 October 2015 – Amazon UK today announced that it will hire 19,000 people in seasonal roles within its fulfilment and customer service centres over the Christmas period.

"We are 100% focused on providing an exceptional customer experience and to ensure that we maintain this high level of service during the Christmas period, thousands of seasonal associates will join our teams across the UK," said John Tagawa, Amazon's Vice President of UK Operations. "There are many people who take up seasonal roles each and every Christmas. We look forward to welcoming them back as well as the many new faces who will join us for the first time."

Amazon has created 700 permanent roles in its UK fulfilment centres so far this year and now employs more than 7,800 people at its eight UK fulfilment centres. This has risen from more than 4,000 people at the beginning of 2011.

"We have created thousands of permanent roles with competitive wages and great benefits in our fulfilment centres in the last five years and everyone who took up those roles joined us, initially, on a temporary basis," continued John Tagawa. "As we continue to expand our operations in the UK, we are confident that hundreds of people who join us this Christmas in a seasonal role will have the opportunity to stay on with us on a permanent basis."

Amazon has eight fulfilment centres across the UK in Doncaster, Dunfermline, Gourock, Hemel Hempstead, Milton Keynes, Peterborough, Rugeley and Swansea Bay. Amazon is also opening a new fulfilment centre in Dunstable creating a further 500 permanent jobs with a second fulfilment centre in Doncaster also opening next month, creating more than 300 new permanent jobs over the next three years.

Recruitment for seasonal roles is now underway through local recruitment agencies. Further information about working at Amazon can be found here: <http://amazon-operations.co.uk/applying-for-associate-roles>

Earlier this year, Amazon launched public tours of its fulfilment centres in Rugeley and Hemel Hempstead. For more information, visit www.amazonfctours.co.uk.

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About Amazon

Amazon.com opened on the World Wide Web in July 1995. The company is guided by four principles: customer obsession rather than competitor focus, passion for invention, commitment to operational excellence, and long-term thinking. Customer reviews, 1-Click shopping, personalized recommendations, Prime, Fulfilment by Amazon, AWS, Kindle Direct Publishing, Kindle, Fire tablets, Fire TV, Amazon Echo, and Alexa are some of the products and services pioneered by Amazon.

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