



WOODWIND INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS

CNC MACHINE OPERATOR

ROLE

Position	CNC Machine Operator
Reports to	Wood Workshop Department Manager
Location	Howarth of London Ltd, 17-19 Buckingham Road, Worthing BN11 1TH
Salary	£27,831.00 pa
Contract	Full Time Fixed Term Contract for 14 months (with possible 6 month extension).
Working Hours	Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm (40 hours per week)

APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW DATES

Application Deadline	Friday 27 th February 2026
Interview	Interviews will be completed at the earliest availability after applications have been received.
Format of Application	Please email Tom Streeter, Factory Manager at toms@howarthlondon.com explaining relevant experience and interest in the role and attach your CV. If applying through Indeed, please send an email including your CV to ensure this is received.

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Howarth of London is the UK's leading manufacturer of high-quality Oboes and retailer of Woodwind Instruments. We are seeking a full-time CNC Machine Operator to work in our Wood shop at our Manufacturing Division in Worthing. The successful candidate will have an enthusiasm for creating quality products using machine tools. The role demands great precision, an eye for detail and working to fine tolerances. Training will be given.

JOB DESCRIPTION

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Preparing wooden billets for manufacture.
- Preparing instrument bodies for the start of the assembly/build process.
- Using precision workshop machinery.
- Work within fine tolerances.
- Working with other team members to achieve production goals.
- Follow all safety guidelines and maintain a clean and organized work area.

Please note:

This job description is not exhaustive, and amendments and additions may be required in line with future changes in policy, regulation or organisational requirements, it will be reviewed on a regular basis.

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CANDIDATE PROFILE

ESSENTIAL

- Knowledge and aptitude for working with wood and CNC machines.
- Strong attention to detail and ability to follow instructions accurately.
- Excellent manual dexterity and hand-eye coordination.
- Demonstrate a high level of quality control.
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Enthusiasm, flexibility and willingness to learn a new craft.
- Diligent and conscientious approach to safety guidelines and good working practices.
- Effective interpersonal and communication skills, with an ability to build and maintain a positive working relationship with managers and colleagues.
- Flexibility to adapt to changing priorities and work in a manufacturing environment.

DESIRABLE

- Previous experience in CNC Machine operation (Fanuc Control) would be an advantage.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must have the right to work in the UK

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS AND CONTACTS

- Wood Workshop Department Manager
- Wood Workshop Team
- Factory Manager

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- 28 days leave (including Bank Holidays) per annum (pro rata)
- Company Auto Enrolment Pension Scheme
- Interest-Free loan for an annual travel season ticket (after probationary period)