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The reason I drive Uber is because it is my only form of income. I was made redundant before Christmas I have applied for up to 35 jobs and had about two who were decent enough to tell me I was unsuccessful.

I know my age is against me I am 59 so driving Uber is a god send in a way. I have a little savings so working Uber stops me from spending this and keeps my head above water.

I work around 35hrs a week and make between \$500-\$600 so take out petrol and running costs and I would be lucky to make 5 bucks an hour.

I am not complaining this is better than nothing. If I was not doing this I would be spending my savings then I would be applying for the dole after they are gone.

By the way I have been in constant employment for over 35 years and worked a lot of OT and paid Thousands if not millions in tax over this period. I have never claimed welfare in my life.

As far as I am concerned Uber should be commended as they are an unrecognized welfare system in this country. How many other older workers are in the same situation?

So if we have to pay to earn this pittance it will not be worth it so I will spend my savings and for the first time in my life I will claim the dole and be a burden on the system.

At least Uber restores a bit of dignity in people.

Also why should other towns and cities not have the chance to use Uber as a cheaper form of transport and better quality?

In my short time as an Uber driver I have done over 250 lifts I have not heard one good comment in regards to taxi rides. So just ask the people.