

FOI DOF/2024-0425

**Request**

Re: EO1 competition IRC265807 & DP competition IRC277837

1. How many candidates have been called for interview to date?
2. Are there new phases planned?
3. How many are to be called for eligibility check/interview from each?
4. What happens if a percentage of those called fail the eligibility criteria check, are more called?
5. Same for interviews?
6. What is the test merit position of the last candidate posted to a vacant position from each of the two schemes?

**DoF Response**

I can confirm the department holds some of the information requested.

1. EO1 Competition – To date 1952 candidates have been called for interview.  
DP Competition – To date 949 candidates have been called for interview.
2. EO1 Competition – There are no plans for any further phases of this competition.  
DP Competition – Invitations for the final phase of interviews are to issue in due course.
3. EO1 Competition – There was no eligibility sift for this competition.  
DP Competition - Following the eligibility sift, 167 candidates will be invited to interview in the final phase.
4. EO1 Competition – There was no eligibility sift for this competition.

DP Competition – This is the final stage of the DP competition and no further candidates remain in the competition to be brought forward to eligibility sift.

5. EO1 Competition – There are no plans for any further phases of this competition.

DP Competition – This is the final stage of the DP competition and no further candidates remain in the competition to be brought forward to interview.

6. This information is not held; candidates are placed in post based on their merit position following interview (not their test merit position).