

FOI DOF/2022-0352

Request**Re: EO1 competition IRC265807**

1. Can I please request the current number of vacant EO1 posts in NICS and the location of these posts?

Breakdown by specific office if possible.

2. What position in the most recent merit list has been offered a post or check phase.
3. Closing date of EO1 merit list and competition.

DoF Response

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

1. Details of the total vacancies in each department is not held centrally by Department of Finance. Each Civil Service Department is responsible for managing its resources – both financial and staff. Each department determines its individual workforce needs and is responsible for ensuring that any additional staffing resources are affordable.

When a Department identifies a vacancy it needs filled, the request is referred to NICS HR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICS HR liaises with all Departments on an ongoing basis to seek to prioritise recruitment activity within allocated financial and staff resources.

As at the end of August 2022, NICS HR was managing a total caseload of 164 General Service EO1 vacancies. A breakdown of these vacancies by Department, town and office building is set out in the table below.

NICS EO1 Vacancies Town/ Office	DAERA	DE	DfC	DfE	DfI	DoF	DoH	DoJ	PPS	TEO	Total
Antrim	1		1					1			3
Antrim Court Office								1			1
Antrim JBO			1								1
Greenmount Campus	1										1
Armagh	1							1			2
Armagh Courthouse								1			1

NICS EO1 Vacancies Town/ Office	DAERA	DE	DfC	DfE	Dfi	DoF	DoH	DoJ	PPS	TEO	Total
Inishkeen House	1										1
Kilkeel			1								1
Kilkeel JBO			1								1
L/Derry	15		4								19
Asylum Road			1								1
Carlisle House			1								1
Crown Buildings L/Derry			2								2
Orchard House	15										15
Magherafelt			1								1
Magherafelt JBO			1								1
Newtownabbey			3								3
Church Road			2								2
Newtownabbey JBO			1								1
Newtownards			1					2			3
East Street Newtownards			1								1
Newtownards Court Office								2			2
Omagh			1								1
Omagh Library HQ			1								1
Stormont	5			1		2	1	2		5	16
Stormont Estate	5			1		2	1	2		5	16
Strabane			1								1
Urney Road			1								1
Total	35	3	68	10	5	6	3	28	1	5	164

2. With regard to EO1 Competition – IRC265807 Phase 4 (most recent phase), we have not made any offers or completed any preplacement checks yet from this phase.
3. Appointments will not be made from this competition after 26th August 2023, unless there are cogent practical reasons for extending the lifetime of the competition.