

FOI DOF/2024-0178

Request

Re: Competition IRC277837 Deputy Principal

I would be grateful if you could provide me with an update on the above DP recruitment competition as follows:

1. The number of candidates, and merit position reached, of those who progressed to eligibility sift stage?
2. Following the eligibility sift how many candidates progressed to interview stage?
3. Have all candidates who progressed to interview stage been interviewed?
4. If not, how many remain to be interviewed and are the interviews continuing or has the interview stage been stalled?
5. What was the last merit position to be interviewed and invited to interview (if different)?
6. Have all candidates who passed the interview been offered a post?
7. If not, how many remain to be offered a post and will they be offered a post soon or has this stage been stalled?
8. Are there any plans for progressing more candidates to the eligibility sift stage soon?
9. If more candidates are progressed to eligibility sift stage what merit position would this start at?

DoF Response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

1. 1011 candidates proceeded to eligibility sift stage. Test merit position 1,011 was reached for those who proceeded to eligibility sift stage.
2. Please note that Section 22 of the FOI Act (Intended for future publication) has been applied to this question. It is intended the data for this competition will be published via Open Data NI www.opendatani.gov.uk

Section 22 is a qualified exemption and I have considered whether the balance of the public interest favours maintaining the exemption in section 22(1) or disclosing the information in the attached Public Interest Test (Annex B).

3. All candidates who progressed to interview stage were invited to interview however there are 9 candidates to receive a rescheduled interview when the next set of interviews are being conducted.
4. See response to Q3.
5. The last test merit position invited to interview was 1009.
6. All candidates who have passed the interview have been offered a post.
7. Not applicable.
8. All remaining candidates will progress to eligibility sift stage.
9. Candidates in test merit position 1012 onwards will progress to eligibility sift stage.