

FOI DOF/2024-0182

Request

Please provide an update on **IRC265807 EO1 Competition** as of 15/04/2024.

1. How many candidates remain to be placed ref EO1 competition IRC265807 broken down by phase?
2. How many current EO1 vacancies are there within NICS broken down by location?
3. Have any other candidates been called to interview?
4. The end date of the merit list?

DoF Response

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

1. As at 15 April 2024 the number of candidates remaining to be placed broken down by phase is as follows.

Phase	Candidates still to be placed
1	0
2	0
3	1
4	1
5	4
6	15

2. 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 March 2024, (the most recent figures available at time of

the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 234 General Service Executive Officer 1 vacancies, 176 of which may be filled by competition IRC265807. The breakdown of locations of these vacancies is shown in the table below.

You should note that the NICSHR caseload includes all vacancies to be filled, including those to which candidates have been allocated with a future start date.

Location	Total
Antrim	
Antrim Jobs and Benefits Office	2
Antrim Total	2
Armagh	
Atek Building	1
Crown Buildings Armagh	1
Armagh Total	2
Ballykelly	
Jubilee House	6
Ballykelly Total	6
Ballymena	
Ballymena Jobs and Benefit Office	1
Ballymena Total	1
Banbridge	
Banbridge Jobs and Benefits Office	1
Banbridge Total	1
Bangor	
Rathgael House	4
Bangor Total	4
Belfast	
2-4 Bruce Street	7
580A Falls Road	1
9 Lanyon Place	2
Adelaide House	5
Belfast Chambers	2
Castle Buildings	7
Castle Court	22
Causeway Exchange	17
Clare House	3
Clarence Court	1
Connor Buildings	1
Consumer Affairs Building	1
Crown Buildings Falls Road	2
Crown Buildings Shankill	2
Goodwood House	4
Great Northern Tower	8
Headline Building	1

Location	Total
Hollywood Road Jobs and Benefits Office	1
Hydebank	1
Killymeal House	1
Klondyke Building	3
Knockbreda Jobs and Benefits Office	3
Laganside Courts	2
Laganside House	3
Lanyon Plaza	1
Plaza Buildings	1
Queen's Court	3
Royal Courts of Justice	2
Stormont Castle	1
Stormont Estate	1
Belfast Total	109
Coleraine	
County Hall Coleraine	2
Depot Northbrook	1
Coleraine Total	3
Craigavon	
Craigavon Courthouse	1
Marlborough House	2
Craigavon Total	3
Derry-Londonderry	
28 Temple Road	9
Crown Buildings Londonderry	1
Foyle Jobs and Benefits Office	2
Londonderry Courthouse	3
Orchard House	2
Derry-Londonderry Total	17
Downpatrick	
Rathkeltair House	1
Downpatrick Total	1
Dungannon	
Crown Buildings Dungannon	3
Dungannon Courthouse	2
Dungannon Total	5
Enniskillen	
Crown Buildings Enniskillen	1
Enniskillen Total	1
Kilkeel	
Crown Buildings Kilkeel	1
Kilkeel Total	1
Larne	
Larne Jobs and Benefits Office	4
Larne Total	4
Limavady	

Location	Total
Limavady Jobs and Benefits Office	1
Limavady Total	1
Lisburn	
DAERA Lisburn	1
Lisburn Total	1
Lurgan	
Lurgan Jobs and Benefits Office	1
Lurgan Total	1
Newry	
Newry Jobs and Benefits Office	4
Newry Total	4
Newtownabbey	
Newtownabbey Jobs and Benefits Office	3
Newtownabbey Total	3
Newtownards	
Government Office Newtownards	1
Newtownards Total	1
Omagh	
County Hall Omagh	1
Crown Buildings Omagh	2
Omagh Total	3
Strabane	
Crown Buildings Strabane	1
Strabane Job Centre	1
Strabane Total	2
Total	176

3. A further batch of candidates have been called forward to interview. These interviews commenced on 15 April 2024.
4. I can confirm the department holds the information requested, however, it is exempt under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 21 applies to information that is already reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Section 21 is an absolute exemption, and the department is not required to consider whether the public interest favours disclosure of this information.

The publication can be accessed using the following link: FOI DOF 2024-0051 Update on EO1 Competition; [IRC 265807 Update on EO1 competition.](#)