

FOI DOF/2024-0112

Request

Competition number is IRC265807 I am requesting the following information.

1. Can I have a list of vacant EO1 positions with a breakdown of departments/offices of where they are located?
2. How many candidates from my phase have selected Area 5 as their preferred area of work?
3. How many candidates are above me on the merit list who have selected Area 5 as their preferred area of work?

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 February 2024, (the most recent figures available at the time of the request), NICS HR was managing a caseload of 229 General Service Executive Officer 1 vacancies, 169 of which may be filled by competition IRC265807. The breakdown of the departments and offices where they are located is shown in the table below.

Competition IRC265807 EO1	DAERA	DE	DfC	DfE	DfI	DoF	DoH	DOJ	PPS	TEO	Total
Antrim											
Antrim Jobs and Benefits Office			2								2
Antrim Total			2								2
Armagh											
Atek Building	1										1
Crown Buildings Armagh			1								1
Armagh Total	1		1								2

Competition IRC265807 EO1	DAERA	DE	DfC	DfE	DfI	DoF	DoH	DOJ	PPS	TEO	Total
Ballykelly											
Jubilee House	7										7
Ballykelly Total	7										7
Ballymena											
Ballymena Jobs and Benefit Office			1								1
Ballymena Total			1								1
Banbridge											
Banbridge Jobs and Benefits Office			1								1
Banbridge Total			1								1
Bangor											
Rathgael House		4									4
Bangor Total		4									4
Belfast											
2-4 Bruce Street						6					6
580A Falls Road			1								1
9 Lanyon Place			2								2
Adelaide House				5							5
Belfast Chambers									2		2
Castle Buildings							6			1	7
Castle Court			21								21
Causeway Exchange			16								16
Clare House	2										2
Clarence Court					2						2
Connor Buildings			1								1
Consumer Affairs Building				1							1
Crown Buildings Falls Road			1								1
Crown Buildings Shankill			1								1
Goodwood House						4					4
Great Northern Tower			8								8
Headline Building								1			1
Hollywood Road Jobs and Benefits Office			1								1
Hydebank					1						1
Killymeal House				1							1
Klondyke Building	3										3
Knockbreda Jobs and Benefits Office			1								1
Laganside Courts								2			2
Laganside House								3			3
Lanyon Plaza						1					1
Plaza Buildings			1								1
Queen's Court								3			3
Royal Courts of Justice								2			2
Stormont Castle						1					1
Belfast Total	5		54	7	3	12	6	11	2	1	101
Coleraine											
County Hall Coleraine					2						2
Depot Northbrook					2						2

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Coleraine Total					4						4
Craigavon											
Craigavon Courthouse								1			1
Marlborough House					2						2
Craigavon Total					2			1			3
Derry-Londonderry											
28 Temple Road			9								9
Crown Buildings Londonderry			1								1
Foyle Jobs and Benefits Office			2								2
Londonderry Courthouse								3			3
Orchard House			1		1						2
Derry-Londonderry Total			13		1			3			17
Downpatrick											
Rathkeltair House			2								2
Downpatrick Total			2								2
Dungannon											
Crown Buildings Dungannon			3								3
Dungannon Courthouse								2			2
Dungannon Total			3					2			5
Enniskillen											
Crown Buildings Enniskillen			1								1
Enniskillen Total			1								1
Kilkeel											
Crown Buildings Kilkeel			1								1
Kilkeel Total			1								1
Larne											
Larne Jobs and Benefits Office			3								3
Larne Total			3								3
Limavady											
Limavady Jobs and Benefits Office			1								1
Limavady Total			1								1
Lurgan											
Lurgan Jobs and Benefits Office			1								1
Lurgan Total			1								1
Newry											
Newry Jobs and Benefits Office			4								4
Newry Total			4								4
Newtownabbey											
Newtownabbey Jobs and Benefits Office			3								3
Newtownabbey Total			3								3
Newtownards											
Newtownards Jobs and Benefits Office			1								1
Newtownards Total			1								1
Omagh											
County Hall Omagh					1						1

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Crown Buildings Omagh			2								2
Omagh Total			2		1						3
Strabane											
Crown Buildings Strabane			1								1
Strabane Job Centre			1								1
Strabane Total			2								2
Total	13	4	96	7	11	12	6	17	2	1	169

2. & 3.

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.

This has been answered under FOI DOF/2024-0078, the publication can be accessed using the following link: [FOI DOF/2024-0078 EO1 competition IRC265807 - vacancies; candidates for Area 5 | Department of Finance \(finance-ni.gov.uk\)](#)