

FOI DOF/2025-0631

Request

1. How many Grade 7 General Service vacancies are there across the NICS and associated agencies?
2. What is the make up by grade of the 35 successful candidates for the Grade 6 General Service – IRC306699 competition?

Clarification received 06/11/25

Question 1: I require information in relation to all Grade 7 General Service vacancies which may be filled from Competition IRC306697.

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 that needs filled, the request is referred to NICSHR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICSHR 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 October 2025, (the most recent figures available at time clarification was received), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 28 General Service Grade 7 vacancies which may be filled from Competition IRC306697.

2. The make up by grade of the 35 successful candidates for the Grade 6 General Service competition IRC306699 is as follows:

Substantive Grade	Successful Candidates
DP	2
G7	32
G6	1
Total	35