

## FOI DOF/2025-0668

**Request**

1. The number of vacancies at EO1 grade within DAERA by job role (admin, portal, veterinary) for the months between April and September 2025.

**Clarification received 26/11/25**

As I am not sure what occupational group or full grade name mean could I request both figures and that should answer my query?

**DoF Response**

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

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.

The breakdown of EO1 and analogous grade vacancies in DAERA as at month end April – September 2025 is shown in the tables below.

<b>EO1 – DAERA Month End April 2025 Vacancies by Full Grade Name &amp; Occupational Group</b>		
<b>Full Grade Name</b>	<b>Occupational Group</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
NON Executive Officer I 001 237	General Service	40
NON Fisheries Officer 1 065 374	Fisheries	6
NON Forest Officer Grade III 067 202	Forestry	5
NON Inspector Group 2 015 407	Agricultural Inspectors (Group)	18
NON Mapping and Charting Officer 108 245	Mapping and Charting	1
NON Meat Inspector 109 216	Meat Inspectors	1
NON Pto Warden 043 244	Countryside and Wildlife	1
NON Scientific Officer 163 274	Science Grades	42
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>114</b>

<b>EO1 – DAERA Month End May 2025 Vacancies by Full Grade Name &amp; Occupational Group</b>		
<b>Full Grade Name</b>	<b>Occupational Group</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
NON Executive Officer I 001 237	General Service	38
NON Fisheries Officer 1 065 374	Fisheries	7
NON Forest Officer Grade III 067 202	Forestry	5
NON Inspector Group 2 015 407	Agricultural Inspectors (Group)	18
NON Mapping and Charting Officer 108 245	Mapping and Charting	1
NON Meat Inspector 109 216	Meat Inspectors	1
NON Pto Warden 043 244	Countryside and Wildlife	1
NON Scientific Officer 163 274	Science Grades	51
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>122</b>

<b>EO1 – DAERA Month End June 2025 Vacancies by Full Grade Name &amp; Occupational Group</b>		
<b>Full Grade Name</b>	<b>Occupational Group</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
NON Executive Officer I 001 237	General Service	38
NON Fisheries Officer 1 065 374	Fisheries	7
NON Forest Officer Grade III 067 202	Forestry	5
NON Inspector Group 2 015 407	Agricultural Inspectors (Group)	18
NON Mapping and Charting Officer 108 245	Mapping and Charting	1
NON Meat Inspector 109 216	Meat Inspectors	1
NON Pto Warden 043 244	Countryside and Wildlife	1
NON Scientific Officer 163 274	Science Grades	60
NON Trainee Chartered Accountant (EO1) 088 237	Accountant	1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>132</b>

<b>EO1 – DAERA Month End July 2025 Vacancies by Full Grade Name &amp; Occupational Group</b>		
<b>Full Grade Name</b>	<b>Occupational Group</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
NON Executive Officer I 001 237	General Service	43
NON Fisheries Officer 1 065 374	Fisheries	6
NON Forest Officer Grade III 067 202	Forestry	5
NON Inspector Group 2 015 407	Agricultural Inspectors (Group)	25
NON Mapping and Charting Officer 108 245	Mapping and Charting	1
NON Meat Inspector 109 216	Meat Inspectors	1
NON Pto Warden 043 244	Countryside and Wildlife	1
NON Scientific Officer 163 274	Science Grades	65
NON Trainee Chartered Accountant (EO1) 088 237	Accountant	1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>148</b>

<b>EO1 – DAERA Month End August 2025 Vacancies by Full Grade Name &amp; Occupational Group</b>		
<b>Full Grade Name</b>	<b>Occupational Group</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
NON Executive Officer I 001 237	General Service	39
NON Fisheries Officer 1 065 374	Fisheries	6
NON Forest Officer Grade III 067 202	Forestry	5
NON Inspector Group 2 015 407	Agricultural Inspectors (Group)	27
NON Mapping and Charting Officer 108 245	Mapping and Charting	1
NON Meat Inspector 109 216	Meat Inspectors	1
NON Pto Warden 043 244	Countryside and Wildlife	1
NON Scientific Officer 163 274	Science Grades	68
NON Trainee Chartered Accountant (EO1) 088 237	Accountant	1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>149</b>

<b>EO1 – DAERA Month End September 2025 Vacancies by Full Grade Name &amp; Occupational Group</b>		
<b>Full Grade Name</b>	<b>Occupational Group</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
NON Executive Officer I 001 237	General Service	41
NON Fisheries Officer 1 065 374	Fisheries	6
NON Forest Officer Grade III 067 202	Forestry	5
NON ICT Level 4 170 237	Computing	10
NON Inspector Group 2 015 407	Agricultural Inspectors (Group)	27
NON Mapping and Charting Officer 108 245	Mapping and Charting	1
NON Meat Inspector 109 216	Meat Inspectors	1
NON Pto Graphic Designer 071 244	Graphic Designers	2
NON Pto Warden 043 244	Countryside and Wildlife	1
NON Scientific Officer 163 274	Science Grades	65
NON Trainee Chartered Accountant (EO1) 088 237	Accountant	1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>160</b>

## Annex B - Internal Reviews

An Internal Review request examines the response based on applied exemptions, search adequacy, or response timeliness.

### It is not the following, which will be treated as specified:

- Questions asking for clarification on information provided: Will be treated as part of the original FOI request.
- Additional questions about the information in the response: Will be treated as a new FOI request.
- Questions about the subject not related to the original request: Will be treated as new FOI request.
- Questions regarding how a service operates or why a decision was made: Will be treated as normal business and responded to accordingly.
- Complaints or concerns raised in response to information provided: Will be treated in line with relevant complaints procedure.

### To make an Internal Review request:

- **Clearly state:** That you want an internal review of a previous FOI response and provide the necessary details.
- **Follow the timeline:** Be sure to submit your request within 40 working days of receiving the original response. If the Department has not responded at all, you have 40 working days after the original 20-day response period has passed.
- **Wait for a response:** The review is typically completed within 20 working days but can take up to 40 working days in exceptional circumstances. The Department should inform you of any delays.

### What the review includes

- A fresh decision based on a reconsideration of all relevant factors.
- An assessment of whether the request was handled correctly and if exemptions were applied appropriately.
- The review will be conducted by someone who was not involved in the original decision.

**If you wish to request an internal review, please email [foi@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:foi@finance-ni.gov.uk) or write to FOI/EIR Team, Department of Finance, 2nd Floor, Craigantlet Buildings, Stoney Road, Belfast, BT4 3SX.**