

FOI DOF/2026-0151

Request

Grateful if you can confirm on what dates did VSAHG and other Divisions of DAERA supply of the grades below expire (that is when did VSAHG and other divisions within DAERA run out of a supply staff to fill vacancies in these grades).

- 1) Administrative Assistant
- 2) Administrative Officer
- 3) Executive Officer II
- 4) Executive Officer I
- 5) Staff Officer
- 6) Deputy Principal
- 7) Agricultural Inspector Group I
- 8) Agricultural Inspector Group II
- 9) Agricultural Inspector Grade III
- 10) Agricultural Inspector Grade IV
- 11) Grade 7

Clarification received 09/04/26

Regarding clarification of the groups 1 through to 6, the information is required for general service only.

...with regards to Grade 7, general service only.

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

General Service Grades

1. In relation to the grades listed below, you have confirmed that this FOI request relates to General Service supply only and does not include analogous grades.

- Administrative Assistant
- Administrative Officer
- Executive Officer II
- Executive Officer I
- Staff Officer
- Deputy Principal
- Grade 7

The majority of supply for these general service grades comes from General Service volume recruitment competitions. These competitions are advertised

on a NICS wide basis to fill vacancies across all Departments as required. There is therefore no specific supply from such competitions assigned to any individual Department eg DAERA or Division eg VSAHG.

The table below gives details of the position for the NICS for General Service Volume Recruitment competitions.

Grade	Supply position	Comment
Administrative Assistant	No current supply	Previous Competition SB/51/08 closed October 2013.
Administrative Officer	Current supply available from Competitions IRC303169 and IRC321112	
Executive Officer II	Current supply available from Competition IRC317873	Previous Competition IRC265817 closed 31 January 2026.
Executive Officer I	No current supply	Previous Competition IRC265807 closed 31 December 2025.
Staff Officer	No current supply	Previous Competition IRC275969 closed 30 June 2025.
Deputy Principal	No current supply	Previous Competition IRC277837 closed 30 June 2025.
Grade 7	No current supply	Supply from Competition IRC306697 exhausted.

2. In some instances other recruitment competitions may be run to fill particular general service vacancies which require specific skills/specialist eligibility requirements eg Health and Safety, Information/Records management. However, it must be noted that any supply from this type of competition can only be used to fill vacancies requiring the **same** specific skills/specialist eligibility requirements.

The table below gives details of the position for particular general service recruitment competitions run for DAERA which required specific skills/specialist eligibility requirements.

Grade	Supply position	Comment
Administrative Assistant	No current supply	No record of particular competition run for DAERA at this grade
Administrative Officer	No current supply	Merit list to fill vacancies from Competition IRC261144 exhausted Dec 2020

Grade	Supply position	Comment
Executive Officer II	No current supply	Competition IRC298361 did not produce a merit list May 2024
Executive Officer I	No current supply	Merit list to fill vacancies from Competition IRC320091 exhausted Feb 2026
Staff Officer	No current supply	Competition IRC319359 did not produce a merit list Jan 2026
Deputy Principal	No current supply	Merit list to fill vacancies from Competition IRC316400 exhausted Jan 2026
Grade 7	No current supply	Merit list to fill vacancies from Competition IRC288345 exhausted Sept 2024

Agriculture Inspectors

3. The table below gives details of the position for Agriculture Inspector competitions at the grades listed (position as at date of request).

Grade	Supply position	Comment
Agricultural Inspector Group I	No current supply	Merit list for Competition IRC310638 exhausted April 2025.
Agricultural Inspector Group II	supply available from Competition IRC313062*	
Agricultural Inspector Grade III	supply available from Competitions IRC310934* and IRC313935*	
Agricultural Inspector Grade IV	no current supply	Merit list for Competition SB/55/08 expired Jan 2010

*Note: where supply is available, it will only be possible to fill further vacancies using these merit lists if the new vacancy has the same specific eligibility criteria as that required in the competition.