

FOI DOF/2026-0164

Request

Re: Trainee Chartered Accountant 2025/26

Can you tell me how many trainee vacancies throughout NI you are now looking to fill from this current competition and as the competition says vacancies throughout NI if there are any vacancies in the Northwest.

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.

As at the end of February 2026, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 3 vacancies which may be filled from the current Trainee Chartered Accountant competition IRC323971. None of these vacancies are in the North West.