

**FOI DOF/2021-0425**

**Request**

May I please make a FOI request in regards to the Administration Officer Competition IRC240709.

1. How many vacancies are there currently in the Omagh area?
2. How many vacancies are there currently in area 6?
3. When will the current merit list expire?

**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 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 caseload of vacancies NICSHR is proceeding to fill (at month ending September 2021) at General Service AO grade in Omagh is 20.

2. This competition is being used to fill permanent AO vacancies throughout Northern Ireland. Candidates could select up to three areas where they would be prepared to work from a choice of eight. Area 6 covers Omagh, Dungannon and Cookstown.

The caseload of vacancies NICSHR is proceeding to fill (at month ending September 2021) at General Service AO grade in Area 6 is 30.

3. The merit list will expire on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022.

Source: records maintained by NICS HR Vacancy Management Unit at month ending September 2021.