



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage



**Open Competition for the appointment to the position of Catchment Agricultural Scientist
(Fixed purpose contract ending on 31st March 2028 (3 positions))**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is inviting applications for the above position on the EU Waters of LIFE Integrated Project.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) is the Government Department responsible for housing and water, physical and spatial planning, local government, weather forecasting and for conserving and managing Ireland's unique heritage for the benefit of present and future generations.

The European Union's EU LIFE programme is part of the EU's funding for environment and climate action.

The Waters of LIFE Integrated Project aims to help reverse the loss of Ireland's most pristine rivers. The ongoing loss of high status rivers is among the most concerning, protracted and persistent water quality trend in Ireland. The project will establish a demonstration project to develop, test and validate effective measures to reverse this declining trend.

A total of six project catchments will be selected: five test catchments and one control catchment. Part of selecting suitable catchments and measures will be encouraging multiple benefits for climate action and biodiversity. The project will include a 'Results Based Agri-environmental Payment Scheme' (RBAPS) for participating landowners. Engaging and communicating with stakeholders and the public will be an important element of the project.

The project team will operate as a separate intact team for the duration of the project. The Team will work in close cooperation with other River Basin Management Plan projects and implementation bodies such as the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) and the Local Authorities' Blue Dot Catchment Programme. The project is expected to run until 31st March 2028.

Additional Information

For further information, copies of the Candidate Information Booklets and Application Forms for all of the posts please click [here](#).

**Employing Department/Authority**

Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage

Recruitment

The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage is recruiting for this position under its Recruitment Licence issued by the Commission for Public Service Appointments (CPSA) and in accordance with the CPSA's Code of Practice.

Employing Department/Authority Website

www.gov.ie/housing

Locations

One catchment agricultural scientist will be based in or near each of the 3 active demonstration catchments where the Results Based Agricultural Payments Scheme will be introduced and will lead on public engagement and stakeholder management in that catchment. Candidates will be asked to identify their preferred catchment(s) in the application form and will be expected to base themselves in or near that catchment. It is not anticipated that a significant degree of remote working will be feasible for these roles. The main office is located in Croom Co. Limerick and the successful candidates will be required to attend meetings at this location from time to time.

The co-ordinating section of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's Water Division is located in the Custom House, Dublin and the successful candidate may also be required to attend meetings there occasionally.

The catchment agricultural scientists will be required to travel to other demonstration catchments from time to time to assist in catchment assessments and developing mitigation plans.

Applications

The closing date for applications is 5PM on Thursday 29th June 2023.

Applicants should submit completed application forms to recruitment@housing.gov.ie

Please note: Only applications submitted on the official application form will be considered.

www.gov.ie/housing/recruitment

Advertising Date

8th June 2023

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