

Candidate Information Booklet

September 2026

Grade	Higher Executive Officer
Title of the Position	Higher Executive Officer, Financial Compliance and Reporting
Duration	Whole-time, Permanent Contract
Location	Citizens Information Board, George's Quay House, 43 Townsend Street, Dublin 2. D02 VK65
Website	www.citizensinformationboard.ie

The Citizens Information Board (CIB) is the national agency responsible for supporting the provision of information, advice and advocacy. CIB funds and supports a range of Service Delivery Companies, including the Citizens Information Services, the Money Advice and Budgeting Services, MABS Support, National Traveller MABS, the National Advocacy Service for People with Disabilities, the Sign Language Interpreting Service and the Register of Irish Sign Language Interpreters.

Job Description

Higher Executive Officer – Financial Compliance and Reporting

Nature and Scope

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The Financial Compliance and Reporting team is responsible for monitoring and reporting on the financial management of public funds by Service Delivery Companies, including financial compliance, budget oversight, financial reporting and financial controls.

The Higher Executive Officer, Financial Compliance and Reporting, will play a key role in the effective financial oversight of a designated cohort of Service Delivery Companies. The postholder will be responsible for reviewing and analysing financial information, monitoring budget performance and compliance with financial control requirements, validating financial submissions, identifying and escalating financial risks, and providing clear reporting and advice to the Financial Compliance and Reporting Manager. The role will also involve regular engagement with Service Delivery Companies, internal and external auditors, relevant internal teams and financial systems providers to support effective governance, accountability and the appropriate management of public funds.

Reports to

This role reports to the **Financial Compliance and Reporting Manager**

Location

This role will be based at CIB Head Office in Dublin, George's, Quay House, 43 Townsend Street, Dublin 2. D02 VK65.

Responsibilities

Main Duties

- Responsible for monitoring and reporting financial compliance for a cohort of CIB's Service Delivery Companies.
- Ensure that the FCR Manager has timely access to the quarterly financial information for those companies, including analysis and commentary.
- Oversee the validation of those companies' annual Cash Budget Plans.
- Oversee the mid-year cash budget re-profiling process reported by those companies.
- Play a key role in the validation of the annual budget estimates submissions to CIB.
- Adequately identify, assess, manage and monitor risk.

- Engage with internal and external auditors as required.
- Engage with the IT provider of the cloud accounting and budgeting software to support software upgrades.
- Provide input to the ongoing maintenance of CIB's Financial Controls and Reporting Requirements Handbook to ensure it reflects current legislative and regulatory requirements.
- Provide input to CIB's eLearning team with the development and update of eLearning programs in relation to financial controls and reporting requirements.
- Validate pay costings submissions.
- Other tasks that may be assigned from time to time by the FCR Manager or by the Head of Division, Compliance and Reporting.

Organisational

Main Duties

- Represent and promote the organisation; attend and participate in conferences and seminars as required.
- Participate in special projects and joint working arrangements.
- Contribute to the continuing process of organisational development within CIB and particularly the development of CIB services.
- Contribute to governance tasks within CIB including Parliamentary Questions, Annual Reports, internal reporting, procurement, Freedom of Information and Data Protection requests.
- Contribute to cross-organisational initiatives in relation to service development and compliance and reporting in Service Delivery Companies.
- Participate and work within the PMDS process.
- Participate in training and development programmes/courses to maintain and improve performance and to assist in identifying personal training and support needs.
- Ensure that the highest standards of customer service are met in carrying out the business of CIB.

This list is not exhaustive but serves to reflect the nature of the duties included in the role. Given the nature of the organisation and the requirement to respond to citizens' needs on an ongoing basis, the role is subject to change over time.

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Candidate Profile

The ideal candidate will have the following experience, personal characteristics, and educational background:

Essential Criteria

To be considered for this post, candidates must have:

- A minimum of three years' relevant experience at an appropriate level of responsibility in a finance, financial compliance, financial reporting, audit, budgeting or financial management environment.
- Demonstrable experience of analysing and interpreting financial information, including budget versus actual performance, variance analysis, budget/cash planning and producing clear financial reports and commentary.

- Demonstrable experience of managing and working collaboratively with a range of internal and external stakeholders, including communicating complex financial information clearly and effectively.
- Demonstrable experience of using Microsoft Excel and financial/accounting systems to analyse, validate and reconcile financial data, including budget and expenditure information, and to produce accurate financial reports and management information.
- Demonstrable experience of applying, monitoring or reviewing financial controls and compliance requirements, including the identification and management of financial risk and/or the review of audit findings

Desirable Criteria

- A relevant professional or technical qualification in accounting or finance, including full or part qualification with a recognised accountancy body such as ACCA, ACA, CIMA or CPA, a relevant NFQ Level 8 qualification or higher, or equivalent.
- Relevant knowledge and/or experience of public sector financial management, including the management or oversight of public funds, grant-funded organisations, governance and financial reporting requirements.
- Experience of implementing, developing or supporting financial management/accounting systems, including cloud-based systems, system upgrades and/or business intelligence and data visualisation tools such as Power BI.

Required Competencies

- Team Leadership
- Judgement, Analysis & Decision Making
- Management and Delivery of Results
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Specialist Knowledge, Expertise and Self-Development
- Drive and Commitment to Public Service Values

See further information on these competencies at Appendix 1

Principal Terms of Service

Contract arrangements

This position will be offered on a full-time Permanent Contract basis subject to the satisfactory completion of a probation period.

Salary from 1 June 2026

The salary scale for this post is the Higher Executive Officer (HEO) Civil Service Equivalent: €60,029, €61,785, €63,537, €65,286, €67,044, €68,792, €72,526, **€75,132**^(LSI1), **€78,698**^(LSI2)

1. After 3 years' satisfactory service at the maximum
2. After 6 years' satisfactory service at the maximum

Starting Salary and Payment Agreements

Candidates should note that entry will be at the 1st point of the scale and will not be subject to negotiation, and the rate of remuneration may be adjusted from time to time in line with

Government pay policy. Increments may be awarded annually subject to satisfactory performance with the exception of long service increments, if applicable.

Different terms and conditions may apply if immediately before appointment you are a currently serving civil/public servant.

You will agree that any overpayment of salary, allowances, or expenses will be repaid by you in accordance with Circular 7/2018: Recovery of Salary, Allowances, and Expenses Overpayments made to Staff Members/Formers Staff Members/Pensioners.

Outside Employment

The position will be full time, and the appointees may not engage in private practice or be connected with any outside business which conflicts in any way with their official duties, impairs performance or compromises their integrity.

Location

The Citizens Information Board, George's, Quay House, 43 Townsend Street, Dublin 2. D02 VK65.

Citizens Information Board formally introduced a blended working policy in January 2023 which allows employees to apply for a combination of working from their assigned office premises and working remotely.

Working Week

Subject to the exigencies of the post, the normal working week is 35 hours, exclusive of lunch breaks. Normal attendance arrangements are 09:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Employees may, on occasion, be required to work outside normal office hours.

Annual Leave

The annual leave allowance for this post will be 29 working days per annum plus Public Holidays.

The Organisation of Working Time Act 1997

The terms of the Organisation of Working Time Act, 1997 will apply, where appropriate to this appointment.

Sick Leave

Pay during properly certified sick absence, provided there is no evidence of permanent disability for service, will apply on a pro-rata basis, in accordance with the provisions of S.I. 124 of 2014 and S.I. 384 of 2015 Public Service Management (Sick Leave) Regulations and relevant sick leave circulars.

Eligibility to compete and certain restrictions on eligibility

EEA, Swiss, British and non-EEA applicant's resident in the State

1) Applicants who are EEA, Swiss, or British citizens do not require work permits / visas

EEA citizens who do not require work permits / visas / authorizations are nationals of the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Bulgaria and Romania.

(ii) Non-European Economic Area Applicants resident in the State

To process your application, it is necessary for you to submit the following documentation:

A scanned copy of your passport showing your identification and Stamp. That is, the first page of your passport showing your photograph and personal details, and the stamp/visa page showing your current immigration Stamp 1, Stamp 1G, Stamp 4, Stamp 5, or Stamp 6 showing you have permission to be in this State.

Or

A scanned copy of your current Irish Residence Permit showing Stamp 1, Stamp 1G, Stamp 4, Stamp 5, or Stamp 6.

*Stamp 1G

There are two main pathways under Stamp 1G and they are:

Graduate Stamp 1G

For permanent positions, CIB can only apply for an Employment Permit if the role you are applying for is on the [Critical Skills Occupations List](#). If the role is not on the Critical Skills Occupations List then CIB will be unable to apply for a work permit regardless of whether or not you are successful at interview.

Spouse / Partner of Critical Skills Employment Permit holder or Researchers in the State on Hosting Agreements

Or

For permissions related to your marital/partnership status:

A scanned copy of your passport showing your identification and Stamp. That is, the first page of your passport showing your photograph and personal details, and the stamp/visa page showing your current immigration Stamp 1G showing you have permission to be in this State and your Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate.

Or

A scanned copy of both the front and back of your current Irish Residence Permit (IRP) showing Stamp 1G and your Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate.

And

A scanned copy of your spouse's passport showing their photograph and personal details, and the stamp/visa page showing their current immigration stamp and a copy of their Critical Skills/General Employment Permit.

Or

A scanned copy of both the front and back of your spouse's current Irish Residence Permit showing Stamp 4 and a copy of their Critical Skills/General Employment Permit.

Collective Agreement: Redundancy Payments to Public Servants

The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform letter dated 28 June 2012 to Personnel Officers introduced, with effect from 1 June 2012, a Collective Agreement which had been reached between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Public Services Committee of the ICTU in relation to ex-gratia Redundancy Payments to Public Servants.

It is a condition of the Collective Agreement that persons availing of the agreement will not be eligible for re-employment in the public service by any other public service body (as defined by the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act 2009 – 2011) for a period of 2 years from termination of the employment. People who availed of this scheme and who may be successful in this competition will have to prove their eligibility (expiry of period of non-eligibility).

Incentivised Scheme for Early Retirement (ISER)

It is a condition of the Incentivised Scheme for Early Retirement (ISER) as set out in the Department of Finance Circular 12/09 that retirees, under that Scheme, are debarred from applying for another position in the same employment of the same sector. Therefore, such retirees cannot apply while the above restrictions continue in force.

Department of Health and Children Circular (7/2010)

The Department of Health Circular 7/2010 dated 1 November 2010 introduced a Targeted Voluntary Early Retirement (VER) Scheme and Voluntary Redundancy Schemes (VRS). It is a condition of the VER scheme that persons availing of the scheme will not be eligible for re-employment in the public health sector or in the wider public service or in a body wholly or mainly funded from public moneys. The same prohibition on re-employment applies under the VRS, except that the prohibition is for a period of 7 years. People who availed of the VER scheme are not eligible to compete in this competition. People who availed of the VRS scheme and who may be successful in this competition will have to prove their eligibility (expiry of period of non-eligibility).

Department of Environment, Community & Local Government (Circular Letter LG(P) 06/2013)

The Department of Environment, Community & Local Government Circular Letter LG(P) 06/2013 introduced a Voluntary Redundancy Scheme for Local Authorities. In accordance with the terms of the *Collective Agreement: Redundancy Payments to Public Servants* dated 28 June 2012 as detailed above, it is a specific condition of that VER Scheme that persons will not be eligible for re-employment in any public service body [as defined by the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Acts 2009 – 2011 and the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012] for a period of 2 years from their date of departure under this Scheme. These conditions also apply in the case of engagement/employment on a contract for service basis (either as a contractor or as an employee of a contractor).

Declaration

Applicants will be required to declare whether they have previously availed of a public service scheme of incentivised early retirement and/or the collective agreement outlined above. Applicants will also be required to declare any entitlements to a public service pension benefit (in payment or preserved) from any other public service employment and/or where they have received a payment-in-lieu in respect of service in any public service employment.

Superannuation and Retirement

The appointee will be offered the appropriate superannuation terms and conditions as prevailing in the public service at the time of being offered an appointment. In general, an appointee who has never worked in the public service will be offered appointment based on membership of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme ('Single Scheme'). Full details of the Scheme are at <https://singlepensionscheme.gov.ie/>.

Where the appointee has worked in a pensionable (non-Single Scheme terms) public service job in the 26 weeks prior to appointment or is currently on a career break or special leave with/without pay different terms may apply. The pension entitlement of such appointees will be established in the context of their public service employment history.

The key provisions attaching to membership of the Single Scheme are as follows:

- Career average earnings are used to calculate benefits (a pension and lump sum amount accrue each year and are up-rated annually by reference to CPI).
- Pensionable Age - The minimum age at which pension is payable is 66 (rising to 67 and 68 in line with State Pension age changes).
- Retirement Age - Scheme members must retire at the age of 70.
- Post retirement pension increases are linked to CPI.

Pension Abatement

This may have pension implications for any person appointed to this position who is currently in receipt of a Civil or Public Service Pension or has a Preserved Civil or Public Service Pension which will come into payment during their employment in this position. If the appointee was previously employed in the Civil Service or in the Public Service please note that the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012 includes a provision which extends abatement of pension for all Civil and Public Servants who are re-employed where a public service pension is in payment or comes into payment during this employment. This provision, to apply abatement across the wider public service, came into effect on 1 November 2012. Please note: In applying for this position, you are acknowledging that you understand that the abatement provisions, where relevant, will apply. It is not envisaged that the employing Department/Office will support an application for an abatement waiver in respect of appointments to this position.

If the appointee was previously employed in the Civil Service and awarded a pension under voluntary early retirement arrangements (other than the Incentivised Scheme of Early Retirement (ISER), Department of Health Circular 7/2010 VER/VRS of the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government Circular Letter LG (P) 06/2013 which, as indicated above, renders a person ineligible for the competition, the entitlement to that pension will cease with effect from the date of reappointment. Special arrangement will however be made for the reckoning of previous service given by the appointee for the purpose of any future superannuation award for which the appointee may be eligible.

Department of Education and Skills Early Retirement Scheme for Teachers

Circular 102/2007

The Department of Education and Skills introduced an Early Retirement Scheme for Teachers. It is a condition of the Early Retirement Scheme that with the exception of the situations set out in paragraphs 10.2 and 10.3 of the relevant circular documentation, and with those exceptions only, if a teacher accepts early retirement under Strands 1, 2 or 3 of this scheme and is subsequently employed in any capacity in any area of the public sector, payment of pension to that person under the scheme will immediately cease. Pension payments will, however, be resumed on the ceasing of such employment or on the person's 60th birthday, whichever is the later, but on resumption, the pension will be based on the person's actual reckonable service as a teacher (i.e. the added years previously granted will not be taken into account in the calculation of the pension payment).

Ill-Health Retirement

For an individual who has retired from a Civil/Public Service body on the grounds of ill-health their pension from that employment may be subject to review in accordance with the rules of ill-health retirement within the pension scheme of that employment.

Pension Accrual

A 40-year limit on total service that can be counted towards pension where a person has been a member of more than one existing public service pension scheme would apply. This 40-year limit, which is provided for in the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and other Provisions) Act 2012 came into effect on 28 July 2012. *This may have implications for any appointee who has acquired pension rights in a previous public service employment.*

Additional Superannuation Contribution

The appointment is subject to the Additional Superannuation Contribution (ASC) in accordance with the public service pay and Pensions Act 2017.

For further information in relation to the Single Public Service Pension Scheme please see the following website: www.singlepensionscheme.gov.ie

Other Conditions of Employment

Further information on the conditions of employment will be outlined in the contract of employment for the successful candidate.

Data Protection

In line with the Data Protection Acts 1988-2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), all personal information provided on this application form will be stored securely by the HR team at Citizens Information Board (CIB) and will be used only for the purposes of the recruitment process. Application forms will be retained for a period of one year from the scheduled interview date, and in the case of a successful candidate, for the duration of employment and a minimum of one year thereafter.

Applicants' information is processed under the legal basis of contractual necessity. The provision of personal data is necessary for the processing of your application or the conclusion of an employment

contract with CIB. This information may be submitted to and processed by CPL Recruitment. The information will also be made available to the interview panel.

Following completion of the recruitment selection process, all personal information will be retained only by CIB, and this information will not be disclosed to any other external third party without your consent, except where necessary to comply with statutory requirements or seeking references.

You may, at any time, make a request for access to the information held about you as outlined. Should you wish to make any changes, to any of the information stored about you within the one-year retention period, please contact the HR Manager at Citizens Information Board, Georges Quay House, 43 Townsend Street, Dublin 2, DO2 VK65.

For information on how your personal data will be used as part of this process please refer to our Data Protection Notice for Job Applicants, available at the following link: https://www.citizensinformationboard.ie/en/data_protection/cib.html

How to Apply

To apply for this role candidates **must**:

- Fully complete and sign the application form
- Provide a cover letter setting out their suitability for the position

The completed and signed application form with cover letter (maximum one page) should be sent to: recruitment@ciboard.ie

In the subject line, insert: **Financial Compliance and Reporting Executive**

All documents must be submitted in Word or PDF format. For security reasons, files sent by email as links to documents in shared cloud-based servers will not be accepted.

An automatic acknowledgement email will be issued for all applications received. If you do not receive this acknowledgement of your application once submitted, please contact the HR Team by email recruitment@ciboard.ie to ensure your application has been received.

Closing date

Please note the latest time for receipt of applications is **5pm on Monday 21 September 2026.**

Incomplete applications, postal applications or CVs will not be accepted. Any applications received after the closing date and time will not be considered.

Selection Process

Candidates will be shortlisted based on information contained within their application. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted in relation to attending an interview(s). During any short-listing exercise that may be employed, a board will examine the applications and assess them against pre-determined criteria based on the requirements of the position. It is therefore in your own interest to provide a detailed and accurate account of your qualifications and experience within the application.

The selection process may involve a presentation or other exercise and one or more interviews. All interviews are competency based and will take place on-site in Dublin. The onus is on all applicants to

make themselves available on the date(s) specified by CIB and make whatever arrangements are necessary to ensure they receive communications sent to them at the contact details specified. CIB will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by candidates.

Important Notice

The above represents the principal conditions of service and is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all terms and conditions of employment which will be set out in the employment contract to be agreed with the successful candidate(s).

The Citizens Information Board is committed to providing equal opportunities for employment to all. Applications will be reviewed and shortlisted for interview on the merit, skills and experience detailed in the documentation supplied, regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, civil status, family status, religion, disability, race, or membership of the Traveller community.

APPENDIX 1: HIGHER EXECUTIVE OFFICER LEVEL COMPETENCIES	
Team Leadership	
• Works with the team to facilitate high performance, developing clear and realistic objectives and addressing performance issues if they arise • Provides clear information and advice as to what is required of the team • Strives to develop and implement new ways of working effectively to meet objectives • Leads the team by example, coaching and supporting individuals as required • Places high importance on staff development, training and maximising the skills and capacity of the team • Is flexible and willing to adapt, positively contributing to the implementation of change	
Judgment, Analysis & Decision Making	
• Gathers and analyses information from relevant sources, weighing up a range of critical factors • Takes account of any broader issues and related implications when making decisions • Uses previous knowledge and experience in order to guide decisions • Uses judgement to make sound decisions with a well-reasoned rationale and stands by these • Puts forward solutions to address problems	
Management & Delivery of Results	
• Takes responsibility and is accountable for the delivery of agreed objectives • Successfully manages a range of different projects and work activities at the same time • Structures and organises their own and others work effectively • Is logical and pragmatic in approach, delivering the best possible results with the resources available • Delegates work effectively, providing clear information and evidence as to what is required • Proactively identifies areas for improvement and develops practical suggestions for their implementation • Demonstrates enthusiasm for new developments/changing work practices and strives to implement these changes effectively • Applies appropriate systems/ processes to enable quality checking of all activities and outputs • Practices and promotes a strong focus on delivering high quality customer service, for internal and external customers	
Interpersonal & Communication	
• Builds and maintains contact with colleagues and other stakeholders to assist in performing own role • Acts as an effective link between staff and senior management • Encourages open and constructive discussions around work issues • Projects conviction, gaining buy-in by outlining relevant information and selling the benefits • Treats others with diplomacy, tact, courtesy and respect, even in challenging circumstances • Presents information clearly, concisely and confidently when speaking and in writing • Collaborates and supports colleagues to achieve organisational goals	
Specialist Knowledge, Expertise and Self Development	
• Has a clear understanding of the roles, objectives and targets of self and team and how they fit into the work of the Team and the Organisation and effectively communicates this to others • Has high levels of expertise and broad Public Sector knowledge relevant to their area of work • Focuses on self-development, striving to improve performance	
Drive and Commitment to Public Service Values	
• Strives to perform at a high level, investing significant energy to achieve agreed objectives • Demonstrates resilience in the face of challenging circumstances and high demands • Is personally trustworthy and can be relied upon • Ensures that customers are at the heart of all services provided • Upholds high standards of honesty, ethics and integrity	