

**Additional Campaign Information**

**NRS04594 Audiologist, Staff Grade**

**National Supplementary Rolling Recruitment Campaign**

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in this role. It is our intention to form a panel as a result of this recruitment campaign as outlined in the Job Specification.

The HSE has on going opportunities for Audiologist Staff Grade. In order to meet this requirement, this advertisement will remain live for the foreseeable future so that qualified Audiology candidates can submit applications throughout the year.

Interviews will take place on an interim basis once a sufficient number of eligible applications have been received, however, the campaign will continue to remain open. Once we have a sufficient number of applicants we may introduce a final closing date.

Interview dates will be communicated to eligible applicants when they are scheduled

This recruitment campaign is being run to supplement the existing panel so that current and future permanent and specified purpose vacancies can be filled. This document outlines how the recruitment process will be run. We highly recommend that you download, save and read this document before applying for this campaign

This document outlines how the recruitment process will be run and important dates. We highly recommend that you read this document before submitting an application.

1. **Who should apply?**

We welcome applications from all suitably qualified individuals who meet the eligibility criteria for this role.  Information on the eligibility criteria is available in the Job Specification.

**Recognition of International Qualifications**

Audiology qualifications awarded outside the Republic of Ireland must be validated by the Department of Health.  Candidates who have completed an Audiology Qualification outside the Republic of Ireland and have not yet received validation of their qualification will be recorded as *Dormant*.  This means that if they are successful at interview and placed on the panel, they will not receive any expressions of interest until they provide the National Recruitment Service with proof of validation of their qualification from the Department of Health.

**Seeking validation of qualifications is the responsibility of the applicant.** Please note validation can take a period of time. For more information on the process please refer to the DOH website, <https://health.gov.ie/about-us/recognition-of-qualifications/>

In addition to this requirement, candidates who have qualified overseas should provide documentation with their application to indicate that their qualification entitles them to practice as an audiologist in the country where they qualified.

For more details:

* + On the qualifications and eligibility criteria please see Appendix 1.
* The HSE welcomes applications from suitably qualified Non-EEA Nationals and will support successful Non EEA candidates in their application for a Work Permit as applicable.
1. **How do I apply for this post?**
* **You must submit a fully completed Application Form particular to this post by email only.**
* Proposed interview dates will be indicated at a later stage. Please note you may be called forward for interview at short notice**.**
* There is no need to sign emailed applications; we will request candidates to sign their application form at a later stage.
* As we require the same information from all candidates in order to make fair decisions on their applications we will not be able to process applications by CV or any other method.
* Email applications will receive a response within 48 hours, which will let you know that we received your email.
* We check eligibility of the applicants after the closing date and time therefore it is important that you ensure you have fully demonstrated your eligibility for the role in your application form. If you omit information in this section pertinent to the eligibility criteria you will be deemed ineligible and subsequently not called forward to interview. This means that if your application is blank, you have sent the wrong version of your application form, have no internet access etc. or that you have not attached requested relevant supporting documentation, etc. you will not be processed further.
* As we are only accepting applications by email applications must be submitted as a Microsoft Word or PDF format only. Applications stored on personal online storage sites, e.g. Onedrive, Cloud, Dropbox, Google Drive etc. will not be accepted, applications submitted in other file formats e.g. Google Docs will not be accepted. Please pay particular attention to ensure that your application is attached as an attachment (not a link to an on line storage site e.g. Google Drive) when emailing your application. **In order to ensure that your email is not quarantined your email attachments should not exceed a 3mb limit. If you are required to submit supporting documentation with your application form which exceeds 3mb you must reduce the size of the documentation by compressing (zip) the documents otherwise your email may not be received by the closing date of the campaign.**
* To ensure that you do not miss out on any email communication it is highly recommended that you check your spam and junk folder on a regular basis

Please note that the National Recruitment Service will only contact you by email therefore it is most important that your email address is included on your application form. It is your responsibility to ensure you have access to your emails. If you choose to use your work email addresses you may receive communications that have a time deadline requirement while you may be working away or on leave. We recommend you use a personal email address to which you have regular access.

1. **Candidates on existing panels**

If you are currently on the National Panel for Audiologist Staff Grade you will receive a separate communication by email. This communication will advise you as to whether or not the panel you are on is due to expire.

If the panel you are on is due to expire and you would still like to be considered for future Audiologist Staff Grade opportunities, you may wish to apply for this new supplementary rolling campaign.

If the panel you are on is not currently due to expire, it will take precedence over the supplementary panel formed from on foot of this new campaign while it is in existence. Panels formed by NRS following a selection process will remain in place for a minimum of 12 months and may be extended up to a maximum period of 3 years in accordance with service need.

If your panel is due to remain but you still wish to be considered as an applicant for the new campaign, you have the option of removing yourself from the existing panel and re-applying for the new campaign. To remove yourself from the existing panel, you will need to email your request to our colleagues in Panel Management at alliedhealth@hse.ie**.**  It is important for candidates to note that the primary panel will always take precedence. If you remove yourself from the existing panel and you are placed on the supplementary panel, all candidates on the primary panel will automatically have a higher order of merit than those candidates who will be placed on the supplementary panel created on foot of the new campaign.

1. **How will the selection process be run?**
* The purpose of this recruitment and selection process is to fill current and anticipated vacancies as provided in the job specification during the lifetime of the panel. A position on a panel is not a job offer and does not necessarily mean that you will be offered a post.
* You must complete the relevant application form in full. If you do not complete the application form in full your application may not be submitted to the selection board for consideration and subsequent interview (if applicable).
* A selection board of senior managers will assess your application form against the eligibility criteria to see how your individual experience and skills match the needs of the post. The criteria for the selection exercise are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the job specification. Therefore it is very important that you think about your experience in light of those requirements.
* There may be a number of stages of selection and short-listing or a ranking exercise may take place. A ranking exercise is an assessment that may be carried out on the basis of information supplied in your application form. The criteria for ranking are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the eligibility criteria and skills, competencies and/or knowledge section of the job specification. Therefore it is very important that you think about your experience in light of those requirements. Those successful at the ranking stage of this process (where applied) will be placed on an order of merit and will be called to interview in ‘bands’ depending on the service needs of the organisation.
* Any applicant who does not meet the eligibility criteria/ is not shortlisted will be informed of that decision and the reason why.
* **Candidates invited to interview will be given more details regarding the interview at a later date.**
* Candidates who are successful at interview will be placed on a panel in order of merit.
* If there is an existing panel in place this may take precedence over the newly formed panel for this campaign.
* Posts are offered to the candidate with the highest order of merit. Full details on how panels operate are available in Appendix 4.
* We would like to highlight to you that interviews form a part of the selection process. The HSE must be satisfied that it has a full and comprehensive suite of references which assures it that the applicant’s past performance and behaviours are appropriate to the post. The HSE determines the merit, appropriateness and relevance of references. The HSE reserves the right to remove candidates from specific recruitment panels and retract job offers if satisfactory clearances (e.g. past /current employment references, security clearances) cannot be obtained or are unsatisfactory. All previous employers may be contacted for reference purposes. Please note the HSE may retract a job offer if sufficient satisfactory references cannot be obtained in a time frame congruent with service need. The HSE reserves the right to retract a job offer should the successful candidate be unable to fulfil the provisions / criteria of the specific post in line with service need.

Please refer to the link below for further information on:

* What to Expect – when applying for a job in the HSE
* What to Expect – the Recruitment Journey

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/jobs/recruitment-process/>

1. **Interview Notes**

It should be expected that interview board members will take notes during each interview.  These notes are created by and for the interview board member for use as an aide memoir to support board discussions.  In keeping with process transparency, the relevant interview notes can be provided to a candidate on request.  Where notes are provided these will be copies of the original handwritten sheets, typed copies are not created and therefore cannot be provided.  It is important to remember the sole purpose of any notes produced, a verbatim or complete record of the interview overall should therefore not be expected.

1. **Formation of Panels**

**What is a panel?**

A panel is a list of candidates successful at interview placed in order of merit. Candidates are awarded a mark during the interview process and the candidate who scores the highest mark is placed first on the panel. Subsequent vacancies are then expressed to the panel in order of merit. If the number one successful candidate that expressed an interest on the panel refuses the job offer, it is then offered to the second candidate who expressed interest on the panel. Once a panel is formed, it remains in existence for 1 year and may be extended.

**Marking System**

Candidates are given marks for skill areas during the interview. These elements are clearly indicated on the Application Form.

Where candidates score the same marks a further ranking process will apply. A previously agreed skill area of the interview will be chosen to further rank successful candidates e.g. Karen and Mary are both successful at interview. They both score 421 at interview, which would place them at joint number 3 on the panel.

If Professional Knowledge has been the secondary ranking area chosen then the candidate who has scored higher in this area and expressed an interest will receive the first job offer.

Karen scored 69 in the Professional Knowledge element and Mary scored 68. Karen will be number 3 a. on the panel and Mary will be number 3 b. on the panel.

Where candidates have the same mark on the secondary ranking, an additional ranking will be applied and so forth.

Please note in order to be deemed successful for a panel you must be awarded a minimum score of 40 for each competency area.

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| **Scoring Guide**  |
| **Little Evidence** of this key skill area presented | **Some / Reasonable Evidence**of this key skill area presented | **Good Evidence**of this key skill area presented  | **Strong Evidence**of this key skill area presented  |
| **1 – 39** | **40 - 69** | **70- 89** | **90 - 100** |

**Future panels**

The above Scoring Guide is provided to illustrate the breakdown of the Scoring Bands used by the Interview Board when scoring a candidate following interview.  It is important to note that the description used to identify each of the Scoring Bands is for illustrative purposes only and the wording could vary slightly on your interview marking sheet.  For example if you received a score anywhere between 40 – 69 for a competency area, the comment on the interview marking sheet might include the word sufficient / adequate/ satisfactory / reasonable or other variation to describe the evidence presented by the candidate in answer to the question they were asked.

**Future panels**

Please note the HSE reserves the right to contact all available successful candidates in the event that panels are exhausted. The HSE reserves the right to extend the life of the panel to fill specified purpose and / or permanent vacancies that may arise. The HSE may modify panel management rules in line with service need during the life time of the panel and will notify all remaining candidates of any changes.

1. **Acceptance / Declination of a Recommendation to Proceed**

The time lines and panel management rules (i.e. how posts are offered) for each individual post will be included in the email communication sent to you for each individual post which arises and is relevant to your order of merit on the panel. Please see Appendix 4 for a full outline of the panel management rules.

1. **Campaign Time Scales**

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is listed in the Job Specification.

Proposed interview dates will be indicated at a later stage. Please note you may be called forward for interview at short notice**.**

1. **Security Clearance**

When a panel member accepts a post they will need to apply for a vetting disclosure from the National Vetting Bureau if their role is engaged in relevant work (e.g. access to, or contact with, children or vulnerable adults). This process will be initiated by the National Recruitment Service for the confirmed successful candidate recommended for any post engaged in relevant work.

All appointments will require satisfactory security clearances. If you lived in any country for 6 months or more from the date of your 16th birthday other than the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland you will be required to provide security clearance for each jurisdiction in which you have resided. Your security clearance must be dated AFTER you left that country and cover the entire period of your residence. Seeking security clearances from other countries (e.g. UK, USA etc) are the responsibility of the candidate. It is a process which can take an amount of time. Therefore if you are interested in pursuing a career within the HSE we would strongly advise that you commence seeking international security clearances now. Please see **Appendix 2** for more information on international clearances.

Please note if you require overseas security clearance and are unable to produce it at the time of job offer then the job offer may be withdrawn.

**10.**  **Appeal Procedures**

Appointments in the HSE are made under a recruitment license and are subject to the Code of Practice established by the Commission for Public Service Appointments (CPSA). Full details in relation the Code of Practice and review and complaints procedures are available on the CPSA Website **(www.cpsa.ie**).

**Section 7**

If a candidate is unhappy with a decision made at any stage while a selection process is ongoing, or believes that it was made on incorrect information or that documented procedure was not followed, they can request a review under Section 7 of the Code. The decision may be reversed if it is found to have been incorrect, to have been based on incorrect information or as a result of documented procedure not being followed.

**OR**

**Section 8**

If a candidate believes there has been a breach of the Code of Practice and the selection process followed was, in itself, unfair they can make a complaint under Section 8 of the Code.

A candidate can submit a request for a review of a decision under Section 7 of the Code or a complaint about the process under Section 8 of the Code **but not both.**

**How to submit a request for a review or complaint**

In order for the National Recruitment Service to deal with your request you will need to do the following before submitting a request:

1. Identify which procedure is appropriate to your particular circumstance (Section 7 or Section 8)
2. Advise if you wish to avail of an informal or formal review.
3. Clearly outline how the selection process was unfair or has been applied unfairly to you. Requests for a review or submission of a complaint without providing any facts or grounds to support the request will result in the NRS being unable to examine the matter.

It is recommended that candidates should pursue an informal review/complaint in the first instance. However should a candidate not wish to engage in the informal review/complaint process, they can proceed directly to the formal process.

The process for submitting a request for a review or a complaint is as follows:

**Informal Review/Complaint**

Request must be submitted by email to Grainne Rooney, Campaign Lead (Grainne.Rooney3@hse.ie) within **5 working days** of receipt of a decision.

**Formal Review/Complaint**

Request must be submitted by email to Michelle Nolan, Formal Appeals Officer recruitmentappeals@hse.ie) within **5 working days** of receipt of a decision.

**11. HSE Privacy Policy**

The National Recruitment Service is committed to protecting your privacy and takes the security of your information very seriously. The National Recruitment Service aims to be clear and transparent about the information we collect about you and how we use that information. More information on the HSE NRS Candidate Privacy Policy, is available at [HSE NRS Candidate Privacy Statement](https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/jobs/recruitment-process/candidate-privacy-notices-for-candidates-in-recruitment-process.html)

**12. How National Recruitment Services will contact you**

Please note that the National Recruitment Service will contact you by methods such as email, phone, SMS, or by post therefore it is most important that all your contact detail are included on your application form.

It is your responsibility to ensure you have access to your emails. If you choose to use your work email addresses you may receive communications that have a time deadline requirement while you may be working away or on leave. We recommend you use a personal email address to which you have regular access.

To reduce the possibility of emails from the NRS team being directed to spam we recommend that you add the HSE Domain to your WHITELIST or safe senders list in your email domain. Due to the number of domain providers we are unable to provide a single instruction on this so we recommend that you research this for your particular domain.

1. **How to contact National Recruitment?**

For any queries regarding the Recruitment process please contact the NRS Help Desk on:

**Tel:** 0818 473677 (for candidates calling from outside Ireland +35341 6859506)

or by **email** on: asknrs@hse.ie

For queries specifically relating to the role please contact the named person on the Informal Enquiries section on the Job Specification

**Appendix 1**

**Eligibility Criteria**

1. **Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc.**

Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:

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| **(A)** | **(i)** | Hold the two year full time M.Sc.in Audiology awarded by the National University of Ireland, University College Cork at Level 9 on the Quality and Qualifications of Ireland (QQI) framework, which includes a licence to practice clinical audiology in Ireland |
|  |  | **OR** |
|  | **(ii)** | Hold an equivalent qualification in Audiology awarded in another jurisdiction validated by the Department of Health (An Roinn Sláinte) (***See Note 1\* below)*** |
|  |  |  **OR** |
| **(B)** | Hold the BSc (Hons) in Audiology awarded by Athlone Institute of Technology awarded in 2016 only, at Level 8 on the Quality and Qualifications of Ireland (QQI) framework.  |
|  |  **OR** |
| **(C )** | Candidates currently working as an Audiologist or Audiological Scientist within the Irish Health System must hold: |
|  | (a) | a qualification equivalent to (A) above |
|  | **OR** |
| (b) | The British Association of Audiologists Examinations Parts 1 & 2 (or its predecessor) |
|  |  **OR** |
| (c) | A qualification equivalent to **(C)**, (a), (b). |
|  |  | **AND** |
| **(D)** | Candidates must provide evidence of audiological competence relevant to the scope of practice required for the role. ***(See Note 2\* below***). |
|  |  | **AND** |
| **(E)** | Candidates who did not complete the required studies through the medium of English must demonstrate their proficiency in the English language through the submission of certification from the International English Language Testing System [IES TS]. An overall score of 7.00 is required with a minimum of Reading 6.5, Writing 7, Listening 6.5, and Speaking 7. |
|  |  | **AND** |
| **(F)** | Candidates must possess the requisite Audiological competency, professional knowledge experience, and ability (including a high standard of suitability and administrative ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office |

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| ***\*Note 1*** | In addition to this requirement, documentation should be provided to indicate that the qualification entitles the candidate to practise as an audiologist in the country where they qualified |
| ***\*Note 2*** | Certified evidence of clinical competency may take the form of formal certification (e.g. CCC, CAC etc.) or formal written statements from reliable clinical or academic sources confirming competence in one or more areas of practice.  |

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| ***\*Note 3*** | Applicants successful at interview with an Audiology qualification other than those named and listed above will require validation from the Department of Health. Information on validation/recognition can be found below. |

1. **Health**

A candidate for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

1. **Character**

Each candidate for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

**Post Specific Requirements**

Candidates must demonstrate depth and breadth of experience in the following areas as relevant to the role:

* Digital amplification for adults and children
* Hearing aid prescription and verification methods including using REM’s for adults and children
* Assessment of adults and children
* A paediatric clinical service

A photocopy of your Audiology qualifications and course transcripts with subject details and breakdown of clinical placement hours must be submitted with your Application Form. Failure to submit a copy of the required documentation may result in you not being brought forward to the next stage of the selection process.

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Audiology qualifications awarded outside the Republic of Ireland must be validated by the Department of Health.  Candidates who have completed an Audiology Qualification outside the Republic of Ireland and have not yet received validation of their qualification will be recorded as *Dormant*.  This means that if they are successful at interview and placed on the panel, they will not receive any expressions of interest until they provide the National Recruitment Service with proof of validation of their qualification from the Department of Health.

**Seeking validation of qualifications is the responsibility of the applicant.** Please note validation can take a period of time. For more information on the process please refer to the DOH website, <https://health.gov.ie/about-us/recognition-of-qualifications/>

The Department of Health’s validation procedure requires that applicants produce a variety of documentation. The full list of documentation is available on the Department’s website at <http://health.gov.ie/about-us/recognition-of-qualifications> or the Validation Unit can be contacted at; validation\_unit@health.gov.ie

In the Department of Health Listing 2 of the 6 requirements are as follows:

1. A letter (on official headed paper) or an e-mail from the prospective employer indicating that he/she is satisfied that your audiology qualifications meet the standards required for the position on offer

In order to meet this requirement you can use your Eligibility Criteria Assessment Sheet, issued by National Recruitment Service (our office). National Recruitment Service cannot issue this document until an eligibility sift has taken place, this normally occurs after the closing date for recruitment campaigns, or for rolling campaigns on a regular basis throughout the year.

1. A job offer from the prospective employer (on official headed paper)

In order to meet this requirement you can use your National Recruitment Service Interview Success Letter containing Panel Placement. National Recruitment Service cannot issue this letter until you have been successful at interview.

Full details on the validation process can be found on the Department of Health website.

Please note securing validation is the responsibility of the applicant.

In addition to this requirement, candidates who have qualified overseas should provide documentation with their application to indicate that their qualification entitles them to practice as an audiologist in the country where they qualified.

**Appendix 2**

When a panel member accepts a post they will need to apply for a vetting disclosure from the National Vetting Bureau if their role is engaged in relevant work (e.g. access to, or contact with, children or vulnerable adults). This process will be initiated by the National Recruitment Service for the confirmed successful candidate recommended for any post engaged in relevant work.

If you lived in any country for 6 months or more from the date of your 16th birthday other than the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland it will be mandatory to provide security clearance for each jurisdiction in which you have resided stating that you have no convictions recorded against you while residing there. All appointments will require satisfactory security clearances. Please note if you require overseas security clearance and are unable to produce it at the time of job offer then the job offer may be withdrawn.

Your security clearance must be dated AFTER you left that country and cover the entire period of your residence. Seeking security clearances from other countries (e.g. UK excluding Northern Ireland, USA etc) are the responsibility of the candidate. It is a process which can take an amount of time. Therefore if you are interested in pursuing a career within the HSE we would strongly advise that you commence seeking international security clearances now.

Note: Candidates who studied outside of the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland e.g. in the UK (excluding Northern Ireland), please pay particular attention to this. You will require UK disclosure to cover the entire period you were in the UK. Clearance must be dated **after** you left the UK.

The following websites may be of assistance to you in this regard:

**United Kingdom**

https://www.acro.police.uk/police\_certificates.aspx

<http://www.police.uk/forces/> website will provide you with a link to each police force site in the UK. Click on the relevant force covering the area where you resided. A search under Data Protection or Data Access Request or Subject Access Request will bring you to the relevant section of that Police Forces website.

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/working/finding-job> (This website will provide you with a list of registered agencies to contact in the UK who may process your request for UK clearance with the Criminal Records Bureau).

**Australia**

[www.afp.gov.au](http://www.afp.gov.au) This website will provide you with information on obtaining a national police clearance certificate for Australia

**New Zealand**

[www.police.govt.nz](http://www.police.govt.nz) This website will provide you with information on obtaining police clearance in New Zealand.

**United States of America**

Please note thatvalid Security/Overseas Clearance from the USAmust be obtained from the **FBI** **only,**

**https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks**

FBI Clearance is valid for all of the United States and convictions / remarks occurring anywhere in the United States would be noted. Individual US State Clearance (e.g., New York State Clearance) is not acceptable as it is valid for that State alone and convictions / remarks occurring in other States may or may not be noted.

**Other Countries**

For other countries not listed above you may find it helpful to contact the relevant embassies who could provide you with information on seeking Police Clearance.

Candidates please do not send us your overseas clearance or any other documentation unless we request it from you. Candidates who accept a job offer will have specified timeline within which to produce the required documentation; otherwise the job offer will be withdrawn. These timelines are communicated to you at proceed to pre-employment clearances stage – typically this is 5 working days.

When requested, a copy of your overseas Clearance will be retained on file and the original returned to you by post.

**Note: Any costs incurred in this process will be borne by the candidate.**

**Appendix 3**

**Persons in receipt of a pension from specified Superannuation Schemes**

Former Health Service and Public Sector Employees must adhere to the relevant prohibition of re-employment provisions where they have previously availed of a Public Service Voluntary Early Retirement or Ill Health Retirement Pension from any of the following Pension schemes:

Local Government Superannuation Scheme (LGSS)

Health Service Executive Employee Superannuation Scheme

Voluntary Hospitals Superannuation Scheme (VHSS Officers/Non Officers)

Nominated Health Agencies Superannuation Scheme (NHASS)

Other Public Service Superannuation Scheme

Among the Voluntary Early Retirement Schemes referred to above are the following:

Incentivised Scheme of Early Retirement (ISER)
Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme 2010 (VER)

Prospective candidates must satisfy themselves as to their eligibility to be employed by the Health Service Executive before applying/competing for posts to be filled through this recruitment campaign.

**Abatement of Pension (Section 52 of Public Service Pensions Act 2012)**

Where a person who is in receipt of a Public Service Pension (e.g. retired on voluntary age grounds) is subsequently appointed to another Public Service post, the Abatement of Pension Regulations apply. This means that in a situation where the total of a person’s pension combined with their salary from their new post, exceeds the uprated (current) salary of the position from which they retired, his/her pension is reduced by any such excess amount. This provision applies irrespective of whether the relevant pension was accrued in the same Pension Scheme which applies to the new appointment, or in another Public Service Pension Scheme.

**Appendix 4**

**PANEL MANAGEMENT RULES**

In this appendix we outline how individual posts are notified to candidates who are successful at interview and are placed on the recruitment panel in order of merit. The time lines and panel management rules for each individual post will be included in the email communication sent to you for each individual post which arises and is relevant to your order of merit on the panel.

**Frequently used terms:**

**Expression of Interest:** An expression of interest simply means that you indicate that you would be interested in this job should it be offered to you.

**Recommendation to Proceed**: A recommendation to proceed simply means that you are the candidate who expressed an interest in a post and is highest in order of merit and will be invited to proceed to the next stage of the recruitment process (pre-employment clearances) i.e. reference checking, occupational health and garda vetting etc

**Order of Merit**: The order of merit is initially decided by your score achieved at assessment/ interview i.e. candidates are listed in order determined by their score, the highest score achieved is no.1 on the panel, the second highest score is no.2 etc.

**Expression of Interest**

* An “Expression of Interest” is an invitation offering you the opportunity to express your interest in a post.  It should not be considered a job offer. This will outline the details of the position in terms of location, tenure, job title, description of the post / service as well as contact details for the Service Manager to discuss the service / department. We strongly recommend that you do so. You will be made aware by an “alert” text to your mobile phone to advise you that an expression of interest has issued.
* “Expression of Interest” invitations have a deadline and once the deadline has passed, no further expressions of interest will be accepted. The deadline will be outlined to you in the email
* Expression of Interest responses will only be accepted in the format that is outlined in the “Expression of Interest” invitation
* HSE National Recruitment Services may issue “Expression of Interest” invitations to more than one candidate on a panel at a time
* Following “Expression of Interest” responses and deadline, the candidate who expressed  interest in the post **and** is highest in order of merit will be given a “Recommendation to Proceed invitation” to progress to the next stage of the recruitment process (pre-employment clearances)
* If you respond to an “Expression of Interest” invitation with “Interested” and you are not the highest in order of merit on the “Expressed Interest list” your position on the panel will remain unchanged
* If you respond to an  “Expression of Interest” invitation with “not Interested” your position on the panel will remain unchanged
* If you do not respond to an “Expression of Interest” invitation we will assume that you do not wish to express an interest in the position and your position on the panel will remain unchanged
* If the person who is highest in order of merit on the “Expressed Interest list” progresses to Recruitment clearances and subsequently withdraws we may revert to the next highest person in order of merit on the “Expressed Interest list” or depending on the time that has lapsed we may issue a new “Expression of Interest”

**Recommendation to Proceed**

"Recommendation to Proceed" invitation offers you the opportunity to progress to the next stage of the recruitment process i.e. pre-employment clearances”. It should not be considered a job offer. This will outline the details of role in terms of location, tenure, job title, Hiring Manager etc. You will be made aware by an “alert” text to your mobile phone to advise you that a ‘recommendation to proceed’ has issued.

It is important that you read these advisory notes before you commit to accepting the Recommendation to Proceed invitation” to progress to recruitment clearances as your decision may have an impact on your status on the panel.

If you advise the National Recruitment Service that you wish to proceed to the next stage of the Recruitment Process i.e. pre-employment clearances, the following rules apply based on the role that you are progressing with:

**If you agree to progress with a Specified Purpose Post**

* You will no longer be eligible for any further “Expressions of Interests” for Specified Purpose posts, however, you will keep your place on the panel for “Expressions of Interests” for Permanent Posts.
* and you later decline during the pre-employment clearance stage you will keep your place on the panel for both Specified Purpose and Permanent posts

**If you agree to progress with a Permanent Post**

* You will no longer be eligible for any further expressions of interest and will be removed from the panel
* and you later decline during the pre-employment clearance stage you will remain removed from the panel

**Please note the following important information:**

* “Recommendation to Proceed” responses will only be accepted in the format that is outlined in the “Recommendation to Proceed” invitation.
* “Recommendation to Proceed” invitations have a deadline and once the deadline has passed, no further responses will be accepted. The deadline will be outlined to you in the email.
* No contractual obligation is formed by through the “Recommendation to Proceed invitation” therefore we strongly advise that you do not hand in your notice at this time***.***
* HSE Recruitment posts are subject to budgetary approval, satisfactory references, appropriate registration, security and medical clearances which will be sought as required.
* The HSE reserves the right to withdraw a recommendation to proceed if not satisfied with all aspects in this regard.
* The HSE determines the merit, appropriateness and relevance of references.
* A contract of employment is only valid when received in writing and signed by both parties (i.e. candidate and HSE).
* If you take up employment in a Specified Purpose post, you can advise NRS by email to asknrs@hse.ie when you are within three months of the end of your contract. We will then activate you on the panel again for Specified Purpose “Expressions of Interests”