



## ECONOMIST

The Housing Agency is a government body working with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies in the delivery of housing and housing services.

The Agency's vision is to promote the building of sustainable communities. We promote the supply of housing to meet current and future needs and demand by being a centre of expert knowledge on housing, supporting housing policy development and implementing effective housing programmes in collaboration with others.

We provide a broad range of services including:

- Sourcing and Acquiring Properties for Social Housing
- Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies
- Policy Advice
- Pyrite Remediation
- Housing Procurement Services
- Land Development and Management
- Support to Local Authorities
- Mortgage to Rent Scheme
- Research and Analysis
- Approved Housing Bodies Services
- Loan Underwriting
- Housing Practitioner Training and Information
- National Strategy for People with a Disability
- Assistance in the delivery of affordable housing

Further information on The Housing Agency is available at [www.housingagency.ie](http://www.housingagency.ie).

The Housing Agency is now seeking applications for an Economist to work in the Policy and Communications Team.

### Main Duties

The successful candidate will be working as part of small team. Their main duties will be:

- Compiling and analysing data on the Irish housing market and wider economy
- Drafting clear and concise documents
- Maintaining up to date knowledge of developments in housing policy
- Assisting in the development of policy advice to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Undertaking any other specific functions as may be required from time to time

## Educational Requirements

Applicants must have achieved:

- A Master's degree (at least Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications) in an Economics discipline with a strong data analysis component

and

- Demonstrate the competencies for the role set out below

## Competencies

### Analysis & Decision Making

- Thinks clearly, analytically, and objectively about economic and social policy issues
- Researches issues thoroughly
- Draws accurate conclusions and makes balanced and fair recommendations backed up with evidence

### 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
- Is resourceful and creative, generating original approaches when solving problems and making decisions

### Interpersonal & Communication Skills

- Expresses self in a clear and articulate manner when speaking and in writing
- Communicates complex constructs in a simple way, making issues accessible for non-specialists
- Works effectively with others

### Specialist Knowledge

- Demonstrates analytical and data interpretation skills
- Has knowledge of the appropriate use of quantitative and qualitative techniques
- Has strong working knowledge of standard business software packages, e.g. Excel, Word, PowerPoint, etc.
- Has knowledge of statistical packages, e.g. EViews, SPSS, R, Tableau
- Knowledge of the Irish housing market

## Salary Scale – Professional III CS Scales

€32,321 - €34,650 - €35,274 - €38,383 - €41,502 - €44,622 - €47,743 - €49,670 - €51,592 –  
€53,526 - €55,447 - €57,374 - €59,302 - €61,224 - €63,159  
LSI 1 - €65,302  
LSI 2 - €67,440

**New entrants will be appointed on the first point of the scale in line with government policy.** Different terms and conditions may apply if immediately before appointment you are a currently serving civil/public servant.

**Closing date for Receipt of Applications – Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 12.00 noon**

## Application Procedure

- All sections of the application form must be completed
- Applications should be typed and submitted via email in PDF format to [recruitment@housingagency.ie](mailto:recruitment@housingagency.ie)
- Candidates must provide:
  - a. a covering letter outlining their suitability for the post
  - b. a completed Housing Agency application form
- Applicants will be short-listed based on the information supplied
- Incomplete applications will not be considered for shortlisting
- Applications will not be accepted under any circumstances after the closing date
- Canvassing by or on behalf of the applicant will automatically disqualify

Should the person recommended for appointment decline, or having accepted the position relinquish it or if any additional vacancy arises, the Agency may, at its discretion, select and recommend another person for appointment on the results of the selection process.