



Information Booklet
ICT Officer Grade 6
1 Year Contract/Secondment
Confined Local Government Sector Competition

Apply by Friday 29th April @ 5pm



LGMA
Local Government
Management Agency

About the LGMA

The Organisation

The Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) is a state agency that provides a range of services and supports to the local government sector. We are an agency of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, primarily funded by local authorities.

Through our work with local authorities and other stakeholders, we support the co-ordinated and effective delivery of local government services and policy.

Our work is guided by the local authorities and geared towards helping them to improve efficiency across their services; to implement change; and to make use of leading practice from inside and outside the sector.

Working for the LGMA gives you the opportunity to gain experience at the heart of local government and to make a real difference for local authorities and citizens in Ireland.

What We Do

The LGMA's work extends across a number of diverse areas in order to meet the changing needs of the local government sector.

- We drive, monitor and maintain shared services projects across the local government sector
- We advise and support on strategy and policy development across the local government sector
- We provide professional Human Resources (HR) and Industrial Relations (IR) guidance, advice and support to local authorities
- The LGMA develops, procures, maintains and provides support for several internal ICT systems in use in the local government sector
- Our Libraries Development section is the national advisor and development agency for public libraries in Ireland
- Our Water Services Transition Office (WSTO) supports the Water Services Reform Programme and the transition of services to Irish Water
- The LGMA provides research and communications support to the local government sector
- We provide programme management and innovation support to local authorities

Find out more about the LGMA at www.lgma.ie

Asset Management ICT Project

Local Authorities (LAs) in Ireland are the statutory housing authorities within the state and currently own approximately 138,000 housing units. As the main social housing providers they are coming under increasing pressure to ensure that the maintenance and management of their social housing stock is financially viable while delivering for those most vulnerable in society in an efficient and effective manner.

The Public Sector Reform oversight group approved a business case to implement a national Housing Asset Management ICT system which would provide for the end-to-end process of the management of the Housing stock in 2021. The ICT system proposed is a single national system, with a number of core modules namely:

- Ability to maintain an asset register
- Capture and maintenance of stock condition surveys
- Planned Maintenance & Programme Management
- Costing of works
- Reporting, Dashboard and Data Analytics.
- Contract management of any works contracts.
- Management of Energy and Sustainability Projects
- Customer Portal
- System administration.

The project involves the tender and award for the provision of a centralised Asset Management system for use in the 31 Local Authorities in the sector, development of best practice for the implementation and roll out of the solution and provision of guidance to the local authorities on its operation. Subsequent to the tender the system will undergo a pilot with the purpose of being rolled out to all Local Authorities. The deployment of the system will be aligned to and will support a parallel project which is seeing the change in practices of the LAs from what is currently a reactive maintenance to a planned maintenance approach in maintaining their housing stock.

The purpose of this project is to:

- Provide a solution to support an end-to-end asset management process
- Ensure the successful rollout of the system
- Assist in the successful delivery of the planned maintenance programme to the sector
- Facilitate and support the change in practice of local authorities in their move from a reactive to a planned maintenance approach to maintaining their housing stock

About the role

The Grade 6 ICT officer will be expected to play a key role in the running of the project to implement the ICT system nationally and will work with the project team to ensure the successful roll out of the project.

The role is an opportunity to work with all local authorities on this ambitious project and to fundamentally change the process for managing the housing stock.

The ICT officer will report into the Business Analyst with responsibility for the project and will work with the Housing ICT team and the Housing Delivery Coordination Office Stock Management team.

The key responsibilities of the role are:

- Communicating with stakeholders and managing relationships
- Following up on project tasks and updating project plans
- Ensuring the system requirements as outlined in the tender are delivered
- Analysis and requirements gathering and contributing to the process mapping
- Demonstrate and maintain a broad knowledge of technology solutions, current trends and techniques and proactively pursue new technology developments
- Assisting in creating, sharing & using knowledge within and between teams through documentation, hands on or other
- Software development to support the development/enhancement and maintenance of business systems
- Providing technical support across relevant teams
- Providing technical support to local authorities
- The implementation and delivery of projects to the highest standard using a full range of management disciplines maintenance of business systems
- SQL Server database design and development
- Promote and utilise best practice in project management methodologies, governance, standards & protocols

The above is intended as a guide to the general range of duties and is intended to be neither definitive nor restrictive. It will be subject to periodic review with the post holder.

Essential Requirements

Candidates must have:

1. Character

Candidates shall be of good character.

2. Health

Candidates shall be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

3. Education, training, experience, etc.

Each candidate must have on the latest date for receipt of completed application forms:

- a) Have an Honours Degree (Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications) in the area of Information Technology or possess an equivalent qualification relevant to the position

OR

- b) Have a minimum of 3 years satisfactory relevant experience working in a structured IT environment

AND

Have experience in at least two of the following areas:

- Microsoft technologies including Windows Server, Active Directory, Group Policy
- LANs, WANs, WiFi
- VMware
- SANs
- Backup and recovery
- Anti-virus and other related security systems
- TCP/IP, routing and networks
- Firewalls
- System monitoring

AND

Demonstrate the following competencies as set out in the LGMA Competency Framework (see Appendix)

Management and Change
Bringing about Change
Strategic Ability
Delivering Results
Problem Solving and Decision Making
Performance Through People/ Personal Performance *Dropdown List Required*
Leading and Motivating
Communicating Effectively
Personal Effectiveness
Qualifications and Knowledge
Personal Motivation, Initiative and Achievement

Application and selection

How to apply

All applications should be emailed directly to jobapplications@lgma.ie no later than **5pm on Friday 29th April**. Applications must be made on the official application form and all sections must be completed in full. When completing the application form, accuracy is essential. The information you supply in the application form will play a central part of the selection process. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your application within two working days of applying, please check your junk/spam folders as email notifications may be filtered into your junk/spam email folders. Any other queries regarding your application form should be emailed to jobapplications@lgma.ie

Shortlisting

The Agency reserves the right to shortlist applications based on the information supplied in the application form. In the event of a shortlisting exercise being employed, the Interview Board will examine the information provided in your application, assess it against the criteria based on the requirements for the position and decide if you will be shortlisted, relative to the other candidates applying for the position.

Interview

Admission to the interview is conditional on receipt of a completed application form by the required cut-off date. The onus is on all applicants to make themselves available for the obligatory interview on the date specified by the LGMA and to make whatever arrangements are necessary to ensure that they receive communications sent to them at the address specified on their application form. Virtual interviews are taking place over MS Teams. Instructions and guidance and links will be sent to you in advance of interview should you be shortlisted for interview. Interviews will be conducted by an Interview Board set up by the LGMA. The Interview Board will assess the merits of candidates. Only candidates who reach such a standard as the Interview Board consider satisfactory in the interview will be considered for selection. Candidates at interview must demonstrate relevant experience and job-related achievements and the following key competencies as set out in LGMA Competency Framework available in the Appendix.

Panels

Panels may be formed on the basis of such interview. Candidates whose names are on a panel and who satisfy the LGMA that they possess the qualifications declared for the office and that they are otherwise suitable for appointment may within the life of the panel be appointed as appropriate vacancies arise. The life of the panel will be one year.

Feedback & Review

Candidates have the right to seek feedback from their interview. Should a candidate be

unhappy with an action or decision in relation to their application for appointment, they have the right to seek a review of the process. This request must be made within 5 working days of receiving notification of the decision on their application.

Deeming of Candidate to be Withdrawn

Candidates who do not attend for interview as requested or do not furnish such evidence as requested in regard to any matter relevant to their candidature, will have no further claim to consideration.

Offer of Appointment

The LGMA shall require persons to whom an appointment is offered, to take up such appointment within a period of not more than one month. If they fail to take up the appointment within such period, or such longer period as the Agency in its absolute discretion may determine, the Agency shall not appoint them. All appointments are subject to receipt of satisfactory references and candidates may be required to produce documentary evidence of qualifications or experience claimed in their applications.

Probationary Period

All new employees are required to satisfactorily complete a probationary period. In accordance with the 'Terms and Conditions of Employment' in their employment contract employees will be required to serve an initial probationary period. During this period, the employee's performance on the job and potential abilities are evaluated to determine suitability for the position. At the end of this probationary period, a formal assessment will be carried out by the employee's line manager, resulting in a decision on whether the employee has completed their probation satisfactorily.

Candidates should note that canvassing will disqualify their application.

The Local Government Management Agency is committed to a policy of equal opportunity.

Principal Conditions of Service

General

The appointment is to a Temporary post in the Local Government Management Agency and is subject to general terms and conditions in operation relating to appointments in the Agency.

Remuneration

The salary scale applicable to this position is Grade 6 is as follows (as at 1st February 2020):

Point No.	1	2	3	4	5	LSI 1
Salary	€49,530	€50,713	€52,151	€54,861	€56,478	€58,489

Point No.	LSI 2
Salary	€60,512

The salary shall be fully inclusive and shall be as determined from time to time. The holder of the office shall pay to the LGMA any fees or other monies (other than his/her inclusive salary) payable to or received by him/her by virtue of his/her office or in respect of services which he/she is required by or under any enactment to perform. Entry will be at the minimum of the scale and the rate of remuneration will not be subject to negotiation and may be adjusted from time to time in line with Government pay policy. Different terms and conditions may apply if you are currently a serving civil or public servant. Subject to satisfactory performance increments may be payable in line with current Government Policy.

Tenure and Contract

The contract duration for the position of ICT Officer – Grade 6 is for a one-year period from date of appointment.

Hours of Attendance

Hours of attendance will be as fixed from time to time. Typically, hours will be of the order of 37 hours per week. The position holder will be required to work a five-day week. The LGMA currently operate a transitional Blended Working model pending the introduction of national policy for the sector.

Location

At present the LGMA has offices at two locations in Dublin. When absent from home or headquarters on official duty appointees will be paid appropriate travelling expenses and subsistence allowances, subject to normal regulations.

Annual leave

The Annual Leave allowance for New Entrants is 30 days. This allowance is subject to the usual conditions regarding the granting of annual leave in the LGMA, is based on a five-day week and is exclusive of the usual public holidays.

Confidentiality

All enquiries, applications and all aspects of the proceedings are treated as strictly confidential and are not disclosed to anyone outside those directly involved in the recruitment process.

Freedom of Information

Candidates can expect that all enquiries, applications and all aspects of the proceedings are treated as strictly confidential subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014.

Data protection

The information submitted with an application is used in processing the candidature and subsequent employment (if successful) and such information is held subject to the rights and obligations of the Data Protection Acts.

Important Notice

The above represents the principal conditions of service and is not intended to be the 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.

Appendix – Grade 6 Level Competencies

Section One		Section Two		Section Three		Section Four	
Management and Change		Delivering Results		Performance through People		Personal Effectiveness	
1.1	Mission and Vision and Values	2.1	Problem Solving and Decision Making	3.1	Leading and Motivating	4.1	Qualifications and Knowledge
1.2	Strategic Ability	2.2	Operational Planning	3.2	Managing Performance	4.2	Resilience and Personal Well Being
1.3	Political Awareness	2.3	Managing Resources	3.3	Managing Conflict	4.3	Integrity
1.4	Standards, Ethics and Governance	2.4	Ensuring Compliance	3.4	Communicating Effectively	4.4	Personal Motivation, Initiative and Achievement
1.5	Networking and Representing	2.5	Delivering Quality Outcomes				
1.6	Bringing about Change						
1.7	Influencing and Negotiating						
1.8	Safety, Health & Welfare at Work						