

Role: Water Licencing & Authorisation Lead
Area: Asset Management & Sustainability
Sub-Area: Asset Strategy
Location: Dublin
Duration: Permanent
Salary: Grade C (€75,796 - €113,694)
Ref: 64AMUET23

Uisce Éireann is Ireland's national regulated water utility and is responsible for providing water and wastewater services throughout Ireland. Our mission is to ensure all our customers receive a clean, safe and reliable supply of drinking water and have their wastewater collected and safely returned to the environment. We will protect the health and well-being of the people of Ireland, protect the environment in all our activities and support Ireland's social and economic growth through appropriate investment in water services.

The Role:

The Asset Management function is primarily responsible for strategic planning, prioritisation, and development of Uisce Éireann's Capital Works pipeline. The function plays a key role in promoting collaboration and co-ordination of activities across the three asset functions as well as providing environmental modelling, assessment and management expertise across Uisce Éireann.

Reporting to the Water Resource Strategy Lead, the Water Licencing & Authorisation Lead is responsible for the overall end-to-end management of the abstraction licencing and authorisation in addition to overseeing the authorisation process of all existing and proposed abstractions to ensure Uisce Éireann meets its legislative requirements.

The successful candidate will establish collaborative working relationships with key stakeholders such as the EPA, IFI and NPWS and to inform and influence emerging guidelines and regulations.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Oversee the licencing and authorisation of existing and proposed abstractions.
- Develop processes and programmes of works required to support applications
- Work with internal stakeholders to;
 - Determine the programme of abstractions to be licensed,
 - Ensure required mitigations measures are implemented, and
 - Ensure all teams in Irish Water are aware of the legislation requirements and potential risk to operations and projects
- Develop and maintain relationships with the regulator and key stakeholders
- Develop and maintain collaborative working relationships with other abstractors, such as ESB, Waterways Ireland, National Federation of Group Water Schemes and other

external stakeholders to resolve abstraction conflicts and work in collaboration to achieve the best outcomes.

- Influencing Water Quality policy at National and European level
- Contribute to achieving the objectives and targets of Asset Strategy and overall Asset Management business plans.
- Drive a culture of high performance, setting the standard for continuous improvement in the area of Asset Strategy.
- Identify opportunities to improve processes and procedures to effectively serve the business.
- Perform other such duties as and when required

Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- Relevant third level qualification and or accreditation is desirable
- A minimum of 7 years' Experience in the water, utilities or similar industries is desirable including the management of teams.
- Highly motivated individual, working to the highest professional standards and with proven ability to deliver results at a senior level
- Excellent analytical skills and ability to identify and analyse problems and potential improvements, and propose and implement solutions at a senior level
- Experience of developing and maintaining effective strategic partnerships with key stakeholders
- Proven track record with dealing with complex issues, proactively and in a timely fashion along with the ability to communicate complex information to others
- Experience of supporting policies, systems and controls and driving the implementation of progressive policies.
- You will have a proven track record in leadership, change & transformation experience ideally in a similar utility, regulated industry or multi stakeholder environment
Able to work to deadlines and adapt to changing conditions and ambiguity generating effective and pragmatic solutions to new situations and problems as they are presented.
- Experience in hydrology, hydraulics and hydrogeology is desirable
- Demonstrative knowledge and experience of environmental legislation, the requirements of the water framework directive and the EIA screening/AA screening/NIS process

Applications, including current Curriculum Vitae, should be emailed to the following address stating the job title and reference number in the subject line of your email: uiscecareers@water.ie.

The closing date for receipt of applications for this vacancy is **7th June 2023**
Please note that applications submitted after this closing date will not be accepted.

*Please be advised that if successful you will be placed on the salary range based on your skills and experience. Please note the Market reference point (midpoint) of the range is generally the upper end of the offer where someone is deemed to be fully competent to take on the duties of the role, and leaves room for the employee to progress through the pay range as their experience develops further.

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