

Role: Water Treatment Operative/Wastewater Treatment Operative
Area: Asset Operations
Sub-Area: Regional Operations
Location: Multiple (See Below)
Duration: Permanent
Salary: Grade G (€27,231 – €40,847*)
Ref: 59AQUET23



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 of 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 Operations function forms the cornerstone of service delivery to customers, protecting the environment and meeting regulatory standards as well as managing the majority of operational expenditure. The Asset Operations function has responsibility for operational and maintenance strategy, policies, planning and standard operating procedures for Water and Wastewater operations both nationally and regionally, ensuring that value for money and customer service is delivered.

The Regional Operations team is responsible for the regional delivery of water and wastewater operational services through the operation, inspection, maintenance & repair of the treatment and network assets.

The **Water Treatment Operative/Wastewater Treatment Operative** will have a remit over a geographical area and is responsible for the operation of treatment processes on the assigned treatment plants and carrying out routine maintenance activities on assets for an area, across a variety of sites as and when requested, in accordance with the task schedule.

The **Water Treatment Operative/Wastewater Treatment Operative** shall provide appropriate cover for other Treatment Operatives at any of the assigned Treatment Plants or assets as required.

Out of hours working will be required and appropriate overtime and standby rates will apply.

We are currently recruiting for Water Treatment Operatives & Wastewater Treatment Operatives in all counties to fill current vacancies and are also looking to add to our national panel for future vacancies. Applications will be considered for vacancies that arise in the next 12 months.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Support the operation of the water and wastewater treatment processes, and carry out routine maintenance activities across a varied plant asset base
- Operate and maintain assigned assets as required including controlling and adjusting assets, inspecting and monitoring assets, testing and calibrating equipment, maintaining assets, replenishing consumables etc.

- Operate the water and wastewater network including operating secondary treatment points on the network to deliver a consistent customer service and carrying out routine maintenance activities
- Conduct asset checks and inspections to ensure early identification and resolution of asset problems, raising work orders on Maximo where required. Use electronic equipment as assigned, such as handheld units, PCs, Lone Working App as required
- Check, record and monitor all necessary quality parameters
- Conduct daily indicative operational checks and analysis as required and reporting results through appropriate systems.
- Respond to SCADA/telemetry alerts in accordance with standards and procedures.
- Support the implementation of process optimisation recommendations to improve treatment performance or to deliver efficiencies.
- Promptly record and accurately report relevant information in relation to water treatment using the technology systems provided.
- Meter reading as required
- Maintaining stocks of materials and chemicals ensuring reorder when necessary.
- Support Customer Contact Centre with any customer issues/queries
- Maintain onsite critical spare stocks, tools and equipment.
- Ensure that all Mechanical, Electrical and Control Plant and Equipment is in good condition at all times and shall be responsible for its effective and efficient operation in accordance with all and any Technical Instruction and/ or Operating and Maintenance Manuals provided, and such further instructions as may be given by the Line Manager.
- Take samples of the water/ wastewater, both before and after treatment, carry out all necessary laboratory analyses as set out in the relevant Technical Manuals and shall record all results obtained.
- Supervise all maintenance and repair work carried and shall ensure that it is executed properly, efficiently and left in a completed and satisfactory condition.
- General maintenance of all sewers, including rising mains, storm overflows, pump chambers, treatment plants and sites including all fencing, gates and buildings and ancillary facilities.
- Be in attendance when new connections are being made if required.
- Maintain interiors and exteriors of all treatment works, pumping stations, and other building in good repair and in a clean and tidy condition. In particular, all buildings shall be kept in a spotlessly clean condition on account of the nature and purpose of the Works.
- Support in the operation of newly commissioned/upgraded assets as required including undertaking of relevant training.
- Participate in out of hours and standby working as required.
- Ensure compliance with work safety procedures and fully participate in any safety programme that may be implemented. Undertake duties in a safe manner and use such personal protective safety equipment or clothing on a daily basis as is suitable for the tasks
- Perform duties under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, including;
 - Adhere to Construction Regulations including undertaking of duties assigned under the Regulations, as per Uisce Éireann policy
 - Identify hazards and conduct site risk assessments in advance of work activities
 - Apply safe work procedures and standard operating procedures
 - Undertake all assigned health and safety training, including Safe Pass and, where relevant, Certified Construction Skills
 - Use appropriate safety equipment and tools, including Personal Protective Equipment
 - Where necessary, seek guidance from Team Lead on the carrying out of site risk assessments
 - Maintain site welfare facilities

- Control and record access to sites by other Uisce Éireann personnel and by external visitors and service providers
- Co-operate at site level with other Uisce Éireann personnel and with other service providers
- Record all site matters, including accidents, incidents and near misses
- Complete any corrective actions for Operational area of responsibility
- Provide support in updating the Construction Stage Safety & Health Plan
- Provide relevant information for the Safety File
- Update and Maintain the Safety File locally and send updates to Uisce Éireann's ECM system.
- Carry out any other duties deemed necessary and / or required which your line manager may reasonably request

Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- Leaving Certificate or equivalent
- Experience of working independently and as part of a team
- Experience of using IT systems and a strong working knowledge of Microsoft Office e.g. Word & Excel
- Experience and understanding of working within a strong health & safety culture
- Good basic knowledge of water and wastewater systems and practices is desirable
- Strong problem-solving skills and drive to resolve issues promptly using initiative
- Strong literacy skills
- Full, clean, class B driving licence. Driving License alternatives an advantage
- Certification in Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations preferred
- Water Services Training Group qualification preferred
- Plumbing or Electrical skills or training desirable
- Experience working within Water Industry and /or other Utilities preferred
- Experience of working with automated control systems such as SCADA is desirable
- Experience of working with control systems and the servicing and maintenance of instrumentation installed on plants to automatically monitor and control processes is desirable
- With full training and risk assessment, the role holder must have the ability to work in environments that may attract vermin, be noisy and require use of ear defence, require you to manage and handle hazardous chemicals with all of the necessary protective equipment, enter confined spaces where trained to do so.

To apply please email your current Curriculum Vitae to the following address stating the job title, reference number and the county in which you reside* in the subject line of your email: uiscecareers@water.ie. *There is a requirement to live in proximity to the assigned plant/network.

This advertisement will remain open until further notice.

*Please be advised that successful candidates will be placed on the salary band based on their skills and experience with the starting position for this role being between the midpoint and upper end of the band.

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*We are committed to providing a diverse and inclusive place of work and have a robust strategy and framework called **ibelong** to enable this. We are an equal opportunity employer and through our recruitment process we welcome and encourage applications from interested and suitably qualified individuals regardless of gender, age, racial or ethnic origin, membership of the traveller community, religion or beliefs, family or civil status, sexual orientation/gender identity or disability.*