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In order to be considered for this post, candidates must submit this completed **signed** application form by email to recruitment@epa.ie before **4.00pm on Thursday 25th July 2024.**

Please read the Candidate Information Booklet which provides relevant information about the requirements of this post.

This form***must be fully completed in type Calibri Font 12.*** Written applications will not be considered**.**

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| **Post Name: Scientific Officer II (Level 4) Analytical Chemist** |
| **Post Number: 000429** |

**Section 1 – Personal Details**

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| **Applicant Surname** |  |
| **Applicant Forename** |  |
| **Phone Number** |  |
| **Email Address**  |  |
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**Section 2 - Education**

Education including academic, professional, or technical qualifications **(most relevant)**. Please give the title of thesis/dissertation if applicable. Include the NFQ level where applicable. Please check the NFQ website [www.nfq.ie](http://www.nfq.ie)

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| **Date obtained and** **Full Title of Degree(s) and Qualification(s) held and****NFQ Level.** | **Grade obtained (e.g., 1, 2.1, 2.2, Pass, etc.)** | **University, College, School, or Examining Authority** | **Duration** |
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**Section 3 - Employment History *(Please list all but only give summary of responsibilities for those relevant to the job)***

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| **Employer Name** |  |
| **Employer Address** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Start Date (Day, Month and Year)** |  | **Duration in months** |  |
| **Briefly summarise main responsibilities of the role****(Max 300 words)** | *[Only give details if experience relevant to the job you are applying for]* |
| **Reason for leaving** |  |

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**Section 4 – Relevant Experience Requirements**

Please consider carefully the information provided in the Candidate Information Booklet before completing this section. Candidates must clearly outline on their application forms how their qualifications and experience meet each of the essential and desirable requirements.

In this section candidates are asked to summarise their **technical/specialist/administrative skills and work experience** most relevant to the role.

Candidates are required to b*riefly highlight specific key achievements, specialist knowledge, contributions or expertise that you have developed over your career to date and to p*rovide examples of **achievements** in these areas where specified and outline how you feel you will add value in the role in the EPA. Recent relevant experience is required.

Candidates must fully demonstrate each of the selection criteria. Where an example is specified, you are asked to describe a situation from your own experience, which you think is the best example of what you have done and which best demonstrates the experience/skill required. It is essential that you outline how you demonstrated the experience/skill/knowledge/competency in question.

For each example you provide in the following section:

1. Briefly describe the background/nature of the task/problem/situation.
2. What you actually did to demonstrate the skill/experience.
3. The outcome or result of the situation.
4. How this experience will add value in the role in the EPA.

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| **Section 4 - Essential Criteria** **Criteria No. 1 - An appropriate degree (NFQ Level 8) in Science with Chemistry.****Demonstrate details of an appropriate degree.** |
| **Details of a relevant qualification should be demonstrated in Section 2 – Education - of this application form.**  |

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| **Section 4 - Essential Criteria** **Criteria No. 2 - A minimum of three years relevant work experience in the field of laboratory based chemical analysis, which should include the following:****• Environmental and/or trace measurements analysis and experience in the use of modern analytical instrumentation. (Experience in the use of chromatography and mass spectrometry would be an advantage).** **• Experience in automated analytical techniques and the ability to undertake routine maintenance/minor repairs of laboratory analytical equipment.** **• Experience in laboratory accreditation/quality systems implementation.****• Experience using a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)****• Working knowledge of laboratory safety.** (Max 500 words – please note only the first 500 words will be considered as part of the application) |
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| **Section 4 - Essential Criteria** **Criteria No. 3 - Proven track record delivering as part of a high-performance team and sharing technical knowledge and expertise.****A specific example should be used to demonstrate this experience.**(Max 250 words – please note only the first 250 words will be considered as part of the application) |
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| **Section 4 – Essential Criteria** **Criteria No. 4 - Excellent interpersonal and communications skills (verbal and written) with a proven track record in building effective working relationships with stakeholders both internally and externally.****A specific example should be used to demonstrate this experience.**(Max 250 words – please note only the first 250 words will be considered as part of the application) |
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| **Section 4 – Essential Criteria** **Criteria No. 5 - Ability to understand a complex problem or situation and approach it in a methodical way.****A specific example should be used to demonstrate this experience.**(Max 250 words – please note only the first 250 words will be considered as part of the application) |
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| **Section 4 – Essential Criteria** **Criteria No. 6 - Demonstrated experience analysing complex data using sound judgement, knowledge, and evidence to make effective and well-informed decisions.****A specific example should be used to demonstrate this experience.**(Max 250 words – please note only the first 250 words will be considered as part of the application) |
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**Section 5 - General Information**

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| **Do you have the right to work within the European Union (EU)?** |  | **If applicable, please give details of work permit/Visa Status** |  |
| **Do you hold and maintain a current Driving Licence valid for driving in Ireland?** | **Essential Criteria No.7 Yes/No?** |

**Section 6 – Referees (minimum of two required – please note that referees sought will include your current employer and your next most recent employer)**

**Note: We will not contact your referees unless an offer of appointment has been made.**

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| **Name/Position** | **Nature of Relationship** | **Phone Number** | **E-mail Address** |
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**Section 7 - Reasonable Accommodation**

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| If you have a disability and this precludes you from completing this application form and/or submitting it by the closing date, please contact Human Resources at recruitment@epa.ie for alternative arrangements and/or reasonable adjustments |

**Section 8 - Declaration**

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| **Before you return the form, please ensure that you have competed all the relevant sections.** I hereby declare that I have read and fulfil all of the requirements in the Candidate Information Booklet and confirm that all information provided in this application is true and correct. Please note that the use of online systems, software or artificial intelligence to prepare yourapplication/responses are not permitted. Candidate applications are subject to duplication/originality checks. If a breach occurs, EPA will consider sanctions which may result in disqualification. By submitting your application, you are confirming that you consent for your application form to be subject to this process.If any information provided in this application be found to be false, misleading, or inaccurate in any material way, the EPA reserves the right to withdraw any offer of employment made to you or, if you have already commenced employment when this is discovered, to terminate your employment. I give my permission for enquires to be made to establish such matters as qualifications, experience, character and for the release by other people or organisations of such information as may be necessary to the Environmental Protection Agency for that purpose. This includes enquiries from past/present employers. The submission of this application is consent to this.Canvassing will disqualify. |
| **Signature\***  |  |
| **Name** |  |
| **Date of submission** |  |

**\*A typed signature may be used.**