



Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin
Wicklow County Council

CANDIDATE INFORMATION BOOKLET

Electrical Inspector

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Wicklow is located in the province of Leinster, and has a population of 155,485, 9.2% growth persons as stated in the preliminary 2022 census figures on the CSO website <https://www.cso.ie/en/csolatestnews/presspages/2022/censusofpopulation2022-preliminaryresults/>

Wicklow shares its border with four other counties and has a total land area of 2,027 km². The topography of Wicklow is largely mountainous, with the Wicklow Mountains being the largest continuous upland region in Ireland. Wicklow is the 13th largest of the Republic of Ireland's 26 Counties and is the 14th largest Local Authority area in terms of population.

Wicklow County Council is the Local Government Authority for County Wicklow and is responsible for the delivery of the full range of services. Wicklow County Council seeks to enhance the county's attraction as a place in which to invest, work, and live, and takes the lead role in shaping the strategic vision of the county. It provides a diverse, multi-layered and evolving range of services to both citizens and visitors to County Wicklow, which include the provision of housing, planning, development, environmental, roads and traffic, leisure and community services. It also has an enhanced role in leading out economic and community development in the County. The Council works in partnership with other state, public and private bodies in the delivery of critical infrastructure and shared services.

Wicklow County Council has an elected body comprising of 32 elected members and employs a workforce in excess of 800 employees, currently covering 5 Municipal Districts – Bray, Greystones, Wicklow, Arklow and Baltinglass. Our employees work in a dynamic and progressive local authority which promotes training and development of our employees who are our most valuable resource.

The 2025 annual revenue budget for the local authority is approximately €168 million. The Council also continues to invest in the infrastructure of the county and through its Capital Investment Programme.

The day to day running of the Council is the responsibility of the Chief Executive and the Management Team



The Competition - Electrical Inspector

Ref: 20/2025

THE POSITION

The Council is seeking applications from suitably qualified candidates with relevant experience for the position of **Electrical Inspector**.

The purpose of the Electrical Inspector is to provide electrical and electronic expertise and advice.

QUALIFICATIONS

1 Character

Candidates shall be of good character.

2 Health

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

3 Education, Experience, etc.

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

- (a) Hold a recognised qualification in the trade of an electrician, be a time served electrician having achieved a Level 6 Craft Cert or Junior & Senior Electrical Trade Certs or equivalent City & Guilds examinations with 5 years plus of field experience in Public Lighting or associated Electrical Installations.
- (b) Hold a QC (Qualified Certifier) for verification and inspection of Electrical Installations recognised by Safe Electric.
- (c) Have a full driving licence free from endorsement;

In the event that an offer of employment is made, the candidate will be required to submit all relevant Educational Qualifications in order to meet the requirements above.



DRIVING LICENCE/TRAVEL

The holder of the office will be required to hold a valid Irish/EU full driving licence for class B vehicles or a licence acceptable to NDLS for exchange, free from endorsement and disqualification. They must be a competent driver and shall drive a motor car in the course of his/her duties and for this purpose, provide and maintain a car to the satisfaction of the Local Authority. The Local Authority must be indemnified on their insurance.

<https://www.ndls.ie/help/faq.html#exchange-of-foreign-driving-licence>

DESIREABLE SKILLS

An ability to demonstrate competence in the following areas:

1. Have adequate experience and knowledge of electrical and electronic components and systems, with adequate experience of fault finding on Public Lighting Installations including competence and experience of CAT & Genny cable locators, cable fault detection systems and multi meters.
2. Have previous experience of TNC earthing systems, concentric cabling and a working knowledge of ESBN LV underground and overhead Network Systems.
3. Hold relevant Health & Safety requirements and a good knowledge of up to date applicable codes and regulations
4. Have a general knowledge of electrical and electronic engineering practice along with an ability to read and interpret electrical design drawings, specifications, regulations, codes, and any other material pertinent to a project.
5. Have attained such a standard of education as would enable him/her to carry out efficiently the duties of the office, including the writing of clear and concise reports, costing returns, statistics, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint etc.;
6. Have adequate experience in a public lighting role.
7. MEWP - training and experience in Mobile Elevated working platforms used for accessing public lighting.
8. Lone Working policy and procedure – will be working alone for much of their time and adherence to an appropriate lone working methodology essential.
9. Use of scanning equipment for location of underground buried cables.



DUTIES

The following is a non-exhaustive list of key duties and responsibilities which may be assigned to an Electrical Inspector.

Main Activities/Tasks:

1. Oversight of compliance with the electrical standards I.S. 10101:2020 and requirements of the Safety, Health & Welfare at works Acts for Wicklow County Council public lighting networks and installations
2. Inspection of electrical and electronic installation and maintenance work on the Wicklow County Council public lighting network.
3. Inspection of other electrical and electronic works which may be assigned from time to time;
4. Weekly Review of Wicklow County Council public lighting database (Deadsure) to monitor fault reports, repairs and contractor performances. Reporting on progress of jobs regarding conformance and non-conformance of public lighting maintenance contractors to the public lighting engineer.
5. Liaise with public lighting engineer, management, the general public or public representatives in relation to public lighting outages, faults or other issues.
6. Inspections of public lighting network for faults, column structural issues and electrical compliance.
7. Undertake fault finding technics on Wicklow County Council underground public lighting network.
8. Review Project documents, design drawings and specifications and advise on layouts for new public lighting installations
9. Reporting on performance of staff/ Contractors under his/her control ; Conduct project observations and spot-checks of electrical work in progress, checking quality compliance, identifying & documenting any defects including Health & Safety Audits of contractors undertaking maintenance works on Wicklow County Council public lighting networks and associated overhead ESN LV networks
10. Undertake required training by ESN for Authorising Officer duties on maintenance works by contractors to ESN LV overhead
11. Planning and scheduling of work;
12. Written Reports and Record keeping. Provide reports on related quality matters, including third-party inspections, progress and causes for delay.
13. Assisting in the taking in charge process by inspection of public lighting installations and preparing of TIC reports.
14. Meeting and liaise with Design Teams, Contractors, Clerk-of-Works, Energy Companies and Service providers, etc;



15. Working closely with ESNB supervisors and technicians in rectifying supply faults to the public lighting network.
16. Liaising with supply chain subcontractors, suppliers and vendors confirming the standards, relevant regulations and legal requirements are achieved.
17. Emergency call-out duties after normal working hours;
18. Investigation of complaints, accident reports and knockdowns on the public lighting network
19. He/she will be required to carry a mobile phone at all times.
20. The successful candidate will be required to use all equipment provided, including computers, electronic equipment, video and other monitoring or signalling equipment, and other new technology which may be introduced in the future;
21. To develop and maintain good working relationship with the ESNB technical staff at all grades.
22. Such other duties as may be assigned from time to time.

These tasks which are indicative rather than exhaustive are carried out under general supervision.

Persons appointed will be required to work in any location within County Wicklow administrative area.

PRINCIPAL CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

A panel may be formed from which future temporary positions may be filled. The position will be fulltime, temporary and pensionable.

Probation

Where persons who are not already permanent officers of a Local Authority are appointed, the following provisions shall apply;

- (a) there shall be a period after such appointments take effect, during which such persons shall hold office on probation;
- (b) such period shall be three months (temporary contract) and six months (permanent contract) this period may be extended at the Chief Executive discretion;
- (c) such persons shall cease to hold such office at the end of the period of probation, unless during such period, the Chief Executive has certified that the service of such persons in satisfactory.



Salary: €56,754 - €69,337 per annum includes 2nd LSI - E.L. 03/2025

The salary shall be fully inclusive and shall be as determined from time to time in line with national policy. The holder of the office shall pay to the local authority any fees or other monies (other than his/her inclusive salary) payable to and 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. Starting pay shall be determined in accordance with appropriate Departmental Circular letters. **New Entrants will be placed on the minimum of salary scale.**

Hours of Work

The person appointed will be required to work a 35 hour per week Monday to Friday which equates to a 7 hour to be accounted for with attendance hours of 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. with one hour lunch between 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Garda Vetting

Candidates may be subject to Garda Vetting. Appointment(s) will be considered having regard to receipt of satisfactory Garda Vetting, particularly to determine suitability to work with children/vulnerable adults.

Citizenship

Candidates must, by the date of any job offer, be:

- (a) A citizen of the European Economic Area (EEA). The EEA consists of the Member States of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway; **or**
- (b) A citizen of the United Kingdom (UK); **or**
- (c) A citizen of Switzerland pursuant to the agreement between the EU and Switzerland on the free movement of persons; **or**
- (d) A non-EEA citizen who is a spouse or child of an EEA or UK or Swiss citizen and has a stamp 4 visa; **or**
- (e) A person awarded international protection under the International Protection Act 2015 or any family member entitled to remain in the State as a result of family reunification and has a stamp 4 visa, **or**
- (f) A non-EEA citizen who is a parent of a dependent child who is a citizen of, and resident in, an EEA member state or the UK or Switzerland and has a stamp 4 visa.

Work Permit

All non-EU/EEA citizens must hold a valid work permit prior to and for the duration of their contract. The work permit must allow you to work full time for Wicklow County Council. It is the responsibility of individual employees to ensure that you have a valid work permit. If at any stage during your contract you cease to hold a valid work permit you must immediately advise Wicklow County Council and your employment will cease with immediate effect.



Health

For the purposes of satisfying the requirements as to health it will be necessary for successful candidates, before they are appointed, to undergo at their expense a medical examination by a qualified medical practitioner to be nominated by the local authority. On taking up appointment the expense of the medical examination will be refunded to candidates.

Residence

Holders of the office shall reside in the district in which their duties are to be performed or within a reasonable distance thereof.

Annual Leave

Annual leave entitlement will be 30 days per annum exclusive of public holidays and Good Friday.

Retirement Age

There is no mandatory retirement age for new entrants to the Public Service as defined in the Public Services Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004.

Persons who are NOT new entrants to the Public Service as defined in the Public Services Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004 and the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018, are subject to a compulsory retirement age of 70 years.

With effect from 1st January 2013, persons who are pensionable under the terms of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme will have a minimum retirement age of 66 years initially rising in line with the State Pension age changes. Members of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme have a compulsory retirement age of 70 years.

Superannuation

Persons who become pensionable public servants on or after 1st January 2013 will become members of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme and, as such, will be required to pay contributions of 3% of pensionable remuneration and 3.5% of net pensionable remuneration (i.e. pensionable remuneration less twice the annual rate of social insurance old age contributory pension payable at the maximum rate to a person with no adult dependant or qualified children).



Persons who become pensionable officers of a local authority who are liable to pay the Class A rate of PRSI contribution will be required in respect of their superannuation to contribute

to the local authority at the rate of 1.5% of their pensionable remuneration plus 3.5% of the net pensionable remuneration (i.e. pensionable remuneration less twice the annual rate of social insurance old age contributory pension payable at the maximum rate to a person with no adult dependant or qualified children).

Persons who become pensionable officers of a local authority who are liable to pay the Class D rate of PRSI contribution will be required in respect of their superannuation to contribute to the local authority at the rate of 5% of their pensionable remuneration.

All persons who become pensionable officers of a local authority will be required in respect of the Local Government (Spouses and Children's Contributory Pension) Scheme, to contribute to the local authority at the rate of 1.5% of their pensionable remuneration in accordance with the terms of the scheme.

Application Process

Application form

Application forms are available on our website www.wicklow.ie

Completed applications forms must be submitted to wccrecruitment@wicklowcoco.ie or by post to Recruitment, Wicklow County Council, Station Road, Wicklow Town, County Wicklow, on or before the closing date of **Thursday, 24th July 2025 at 12 noon sharp**. Late applications or any amendments to applications will not be accepted.

Competencies for the post

Key Competencies for the post include the following and candidates will be expected to **demonstrate sufficient evidence within their application form** of competence under each of these.

Please provide an example, giving consideration to the role and essential requirements outlined in the Candidate Information Booklet. **Responses should not exceed 450 words.**

Please aim to provide your best evidence in this section, as the below information may be used for shortlisting and/or interview purposes.



Key Competencies for the post of Electrical Inspector are set out as follows:

- Delivering Results
- Knowledge, Experience & Skills
- Personal Effectiveness
- Performance through People

COMPETENCY	BEHAVIOURS
Delivering Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Converts operational objectives into specific work plans, programme activities and schedules, taking into account the broader operation plan when setting priorities.• Constructively challenges existing approaches to improve efficient customer service delivery.• Allocates resources (staff and equipment) across jobs to ensure that priorities are met and that work is executed in the most efficient manner possible to deliver quality work and services.
Knowledge, Experience & Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge and understanding of the structure and functions of Local Government.• Knowledge of current Local Government issues.• Understanding of the role of Electrical Inspector.
Performance through People	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has a creative and collaborate approach to problem solving and working with others to reach a solution.• Has a creative and collaborative approach to problem solving and working with others to reach a solution.• Demonstrates ability to support the line manager and work as part of a team.• Communicates effectively and professionally with a range of stakeholders including colleagues, elected members, citizens and service providers.• Excellent interpersonal and communicative skills.
Personal Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge of Local Government purpose, profile and structure.• Take initiative and be open to taking on new challenges or responsibilities.• Manage time and workload effectively.• Maintain a positive, constructive and enthusiastic attitude to their role.



Selection Process

Selection shall be by means of a competition based on interview. A panel may be formed on the basis of such interviews, from which permanent vacancies may be filled.

The Selection Process may include the following:

- Short-listing of candidates on the basis of the information contained in their application;
- Preliminary interview, which may also include a presentation;
- Completion of an online questionnaire;
- Competitive interview, which may also include a presentation;
- Work sample/role play/media exercise, and any other tests or exercises that may be deemed appropriate.

**** Please note that Wicklow County Council reserves the right to hold any part of the selection process by way of remote/video-call platform or other appropriate methodology.***

Before proceeding with this phase of the selection process you should satisfy yourself that you meet the minimum qualification criteria for the post as set out above. This will prevent you from incurring unnecessary expense in progressing in the competition.

Short-Listing

Wicklow County Council reserves the right to shortlist applications. The shortlisting process may take the form of either a desktop shortlisting process **based on the information contained in the application forms** or a shortlisting interview.

The information you supply in the application form will play a central part of the shortlisting process. Wicklow County Council's decision to include you on the shortlist of candidates going forward to the next stage of the process may be determined based on this information.

Where, by reason of the number of persons seeking admission to the competition and the standard of knowledge, training or experience in general of such persons, Wicklow County Council considers that it would be reasonable not to admit all the persons to the competition, Wicklow County Council may admit to the competition only persons who appear to attain a standard sufficient for selection and recommendation for appointment.

You will be contacted in relation to any interview dates and times. You may also be contacted in relation to the requirement to complete an online questionnaire should this be included in the selection process. The onus is on you to attend for interview on the dates and times allocated. Alternative dates and times cannot be facilitated.



When attending for interview you must produce photographic identification when registering your attendance at the Human Resources Department.

Wicklow County Council reserves the right to shortlist candidates in the manner it deems most appropriate. **Shortlisting may be on the basis of information supplied on the application form and the likely number of vacancies to be filled. It is therefore in your own interest to provide a detailed and accurate account of your qualifications/experience on the application form.** The candidates shortlisted will be invited to attend for interview. Interviews will be held in person. The Council will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by candidates in attending for Interview Stage.

Interview Stage

The interview is your opportunity to give evidence of your knowledge, skills and experience and the Local Authority's opportunity to assess your suitability for the role as advertised.

The admission of a person to a competition, or invitation to attend an interview, is not to be taken as implying that Wicklow County Council is satisfied that such person fulfils the requirements of the Regulations or is not disqualified by law from holding the position and does not carry a guarantee that your application will receive further consideration. It is important therefore for you to note, the onus is on you to ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements for the competition before attending for interview. If you do not meet these essential entry requirements but nevertheless attend for interview you will be putting yourself to unnecessary expense, as Wicklow County Council will not be responsible for refunding any expenses incurred.

Wicklow County Council may at its discretion require candidates to attend a preliminary interview in which case admission to the competitive interview would be conditional on candidates reaching such a standard as Wicklow County Council considered appropriate in the preliminary interview.

Interviews shall be conducted by Board(s) set up by Wicklow County Council. The Board(s) will assess the merits of candidates (except insofar as they are assessed otherwise) in respect of matters referred to in the prescribed Qualifications and any other relevant matters. Only candidates who reach such a standard as Wicklow County Council considers satisfactory in the competitive interview shall be considered for selection and placed on a panel. The onus is on all applicants to make themselves available for interview.



Pre-Employment Checks

Before contracts of employment are entered into, various checks are undertaken. These include medicals, references and may include Garda Vetting. The Council will invite those successful candidates who accept an offer to fill a vacancy to attend a medical assessment. References for successful candidates will also be checked and Garda Vetting, if necessary, will be completed at this point.

Panel

Candidates whose names are on a Panel and who satisfy the local authority 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 for one year from the date it is formed, it may be extended at the discretion of the Chief Executive.

Terms and Conditions

Wicklow County Council will require the person to whom appointment is offered to take up the appointment within a period of not more than **one month** and if the person fails to take up the appointment within such period or such longer period as Wicklow County Council in its absolute discretion may determine, Wicklow County Council will not appoint him/her.

Employment may be terminated by either side by giving at least one calendar months' notice. In the event that employment is terminated prior to the completion of any particular contract, the appointee shall co-operate with the Council in ensuring that all files/records are up-to-date and present in an acceptable manner.

It should be noted that the terms of Paragraph 13 of Circular Letter EL 02/09 - Incentivised Scheme of Early Retirement may need to be considered in some instances. It is a condition of this scheme as set out in the Department of Finance Circular 12/2009 that retirees, under that Scheme, are debarred from applying for another position in the same employment or the same sector.

Furthermore, persons who have availed of a Redundancy Payment Scheme should not that is a condition of the Collective Agreement that persons availing of the agreement will not be eligible for re-employment in the public service by any public service body (as defined by the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Acts 2009 – 2011) for a period of 2 years from termination of the employment. Thereafter the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform will be required prior to re-employment.



Applicants will be required to declare whether they have previously availed of either of the above schemes.

Examples of some of the current Employee Benefits include:

- Wicklow County Council's Blended Working Policy
- A range of Family Friendly Policies
- Availability of a Cycle to Work Scheme
- A range of Learning and Developmental Opportunities
- Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave
- Automatically entered into a pension scheme
- Access to the services provided under Wicklow County Council's Employee Assistance Programme – Spectrum Health

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SHORTLIST CANDIDATES IN THE MANNER IT DEEMS MOST APPROPRIATE.

Wicklow County Council will send an acknowledgement of your application in the weeks after the closing date of the competition. If you do not receive any confirmation, please contact wccrecruitment@wicklowcoco.ie

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *Who can I contact if I have a query in relation the Recruitment Campaign?*

If you are unclear in relation to any aspect of the recruitment and selection process, please read the briefing document and frequently asked questions carefully before contacting Wicklow County Council's Human Resources Department. If you still need to contact the Human Resources Department please send your query via email in the first instance to wccrecruitment@wicklowcoco.ie.

2. *What happens if I cannot attend a particular stage of the competition?*

The onus is on you to attend for all stages of the recruitment competition at the locations, dates and times notified. Wicklow County Council cannot change dates and times of any particular stage of the process.

3. *I have submitted my Application form, what happens next?*

Wicklow County Council will carry out an eligibility check on all applications to ensure that they meet the minimum qualifications for the post. You do not need to contact the HR Department. If you do not meet the minimum eligibility requirements for the post **based on the information submitted on your application form**, you will not be invited to interview.

Depending on the number of candidates remaining at this stage of the competition it may be necessary to hold a shortlisting process. The shortlisting process may take the form of either a desktop shortlisting process based on the information contained in the application forms or a shortlisting interview/assessment. The information you supply in the application form will play a central part of the qualifying and shortlisting process.

You will be contacted by email in relation to any interview dates and times. The onus is on you to attend for interview on the dates and times allocated. Alternative dates and times cannot be facilitated. When attending for interview you must produce photographic identification when registering your attendance at the Human Resources Department.

4. *What happens on completion of the shortlisting process?*

Wicklow County Council will contact all applicants advising them of the results of the shortlisting process. If you have been successful at this stage you will be invited for a final interview.

5. *What happens after undertaking the final interview?*

If you qualify at final interview stage you will be placed on a panel and ranked in order of merit. Vacancies may be filled from this panel as they arise and in order of merit. Please note that being placed on a panel is not a guarantee that you will be appointed to the position.



6. *How will Wicklow County Council communicate with me throughout the Recruitment and Selection Campaign?*

Wicklow County Council will contact you when necessary at each stage of the competition by email. It is strongly recommended that you do not change your email address in the course of this recruitment campaign, as any email will be sent to the email address originally supplied with your application form. It is important to note that the email address you provide when submitting your application form must be one that you can access at all times.

The onus is on the applicant to inform the Human Resources Department of any change in postal address, email address or mobile telephone number throughout the recruitment and selection campaign. This can be done by emailing wccrecruitment@wicklowcoco.ie

The onus is on each applicant to ensure that s/he is in receipt of all communication from Wicklow County Council. Wicklow County Council accepts no responsibility for communication not accessed or received by an applicant.



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