

# **CANDIDATE INFORMATION BOOKLET**

Competition for appointment to the fixed term (3 years) position of:

**Senior Training Advisor (Grade VII)**

**Immersive Technology Apprenticeship**

**(Reference No: STIT26)**

**Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board**

**Closing Date: 12 noon on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

## **Introduction**

Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board (MSLETB), provides a comprehensive range of education and training services throughout the region.

One of 16 ETBs nationally, MSLETB has the largest geographical area, covering 9014 km<sup>2</sup> across the 3 counties.

MSLETB serves a population of 243,000 people and its head office is located in Castlebar, with additional offices in Sligo and Carrick-On-Shannon.

We have a 21-member Board which has oversight of the services provided by almost 1700 staff, to over 22,000 learners, with an annual budget of almost 120 million euro.

Our learners include fulltime students in post primary schools and also learners engaged in a wide range of Further Education and Training Courses.

MSLETB educational provision includes 17 second level schools, while further education and training services are provided through education colleges, training centres and a range of adult and further education and training centres. These locations deliver education and training services such as, Post Leaving Certificate Courses (PLCs), VTOS, Youthreach, Outdoor Education, Youth Services, Career Traineeship and Apprenticeship.

Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim ETB places learning and the learner at the heart of its education and training provision with a mission of providing real opportunities for life and living to people in our region.

## **Grade VII – Senior Training Advisor - Programme Management**

**Initial Assignment:** Immersive Technology Apprenticeship and XR Hub  
**Location:** MSLETB, Sligo College XR Hub, SocoLab, Airport Rd, Strandhill, Co. Sligo, F91 C66T

### **Role Purpose**

The Grade VII - Programme Management post is a middle management and administrative role within Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board. Grade VII roles in the ETB sector are generally framed around leadership, management and delivery of results, analysis and decision-making, stakeholder engagement, supervision, adaptability and support for organisational priorities rather than a permanently fixed specialist function.

The initial assignment for this post will be in connection with the Immersive Technology Apprenticeship, including responsibility for programme management and for the strategic and operational development of the Sligo College XR Hub. The post holder will be required to lead and coordinate a broad range of programme, governance, quality assurance, industry engagement and operational activities associated with this assignment.

### **Initial Responsibilities**

- Act as a key advocate for the Immersive Technology Apprenticeship, promoting the programme to employers, apprentices, workplace mentors, Authorised Officers, collaborating providers, instructors and other stakeholders.
- Deliver high-level information briefings and guidance on programme structure, delivery model, operational requirements and stakeholder responsibilities.
- Support the strategic and operational leadership of the Sligo College XR Hub, ensuring its effective operation as a centre of excellence for immersive technology training, innovation and apprenticeship delivery.
- Lead employer engagement activity, develop and maintain industry partnerships, and support employer and apprentice recruitment to strengthen programme growth and national reach.
- Establish, maintain and update relevant records and databases relating to employers, workplace mentors, apprentices and associated programme activity.
- Oversee employer pre-approval and approval processes and ensure timely liaison with SOLAS Authorised Officers.
- Coordinate apprentice registrations in collaboration with SOLAS Authorised Officers, ensuring compliance, accuracy and alignment with operational planning.
- Lead programme scheduling, including delivery activities at the Sligo College XR Hub and across collaborating providers, to support effective use of facilities, equipment and staffing resources.
- Deliver induction and orientation sessions for apprentices and workplace mentors, including familiarisation with the XR Hub environment, technologies and expectations associated with immersive learning.

- Maintain ongoing communication with employers and workplace mentors to support programme participation and continuity.
- Ensure programme teams are fully informed and competent in relation to assessment strategies, procedures and associated documentation.
- Oversee the development, maintenance and enhancement of programme content and assessments, ensuring alignment with validated programme standards and appropriate integration of emerging immersive and XR technologies.
- Ensure that all required resources, facilities, equipment and consumables are in place to support effective delivery and operational readiness.
- Ensure that robust learner support mechanisms are in place across the on-the-job and off-the-job elements of the apprenticeship.
- Promote consistent implementation of agreed procedures across collaborating providers and support alignment with relevant operational and quality standards.
- Engage regularly with Collaborating Provider Programme Leaders to support quality assurance, consistency and best practice in delivery.
- Convene and facilitate meetings of Collaborating Provider Programme Leaders to review operational delivery, learner experience and programme enhancement.
- Implement recommendations and corrective actions arising from the Consortium Steering Group and National Programme Board.
- Convene and contribute to meetings of the Consortium Steering Group, National Programme Board and internal programme teams to support strategic and operational alignment.
- Chair the National Programme Board and support effective governance of the apprenticeship programme and associated delivery infrastructure.
- Liaise with Quality Assurance Officers in relation to compliance with quality assurance frameworks and standards across programme delivery and related activity.
- Lead continuous programme enhancement in response to industry needs, validated standards, emerging technology developments and strategic priorities.
- Represent MSLETB at national and international events and promote the apprenticeship programme and the Sligo College XR Hub.
- Lead the organisation of programme-related events, including graduations, industry showcases and hub demonstration events.
- Coordinate and facilitate teaching, learning and assessment development days for programme teams, instructors and collaborating providers where required.
- Support the Training Centre Manager (or designate) in the development and coordination of documentation required for QQI revalidation.

- Lead and coordinate preparations for QQI revalidation events, ensuring readiness across programme teams, governance structures and relevant operational documentation.

### **General Grade VII Responsibilities**

In addition to the initial assignment outlined above, the post holder will be expected to undertake duties consistent with Grade VII level, including the management and delivery of objectives, preparation of reports and briefing material, support for policy and service development, use of information systems, maintenance of records, supervision of staff where required, and contribution to organisational planning and continuous improvement. These features are consistent with ETB Grade VII role profiles and competency frameworks, which emphasise leadership, flexibility, structured delivery, analysis and accountability.

### **Flexibility of Assignment**

This is a Grade VII post within Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board. While the initial assignment is to the Immersive Technology Apprenticeship, the post holder may be assigned, transferred or redeployed to any other area of work, project, service, department or location within Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board, in accordance with organisational requirements and subject to duties appropriate to Grade VII level.

### **General Conditions**

The functions and responsibilities assigned to this position are based on the current role and objectives of Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board and may alter from time to time in line with organisational requirements. This job description is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and the post holder may be required to perform other duties appropriate to the grade as may be assigned by the Chief Executive or designate, and to contribute to the ongoing development of the post while in role.

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

	<b>ESSENTIAL</b>	<b>DESIRABLE</b>
<b>Motivation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong leadership skills with the ability to motivate and inspire project teams</li> <li>• Proven ability to work under pressure and meet tight deadlines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied experience with immersive technology tools or platforms</li> <li>• Experience contributing to innovation, digital transformation or technology-enhanced learning initiatives.</li> <li>• Knowledge of apprenticeship systems or industry-led skills development programmes.</li> <li>• Awareness of emerging XR trends such as AI integration, digital twins, and real-time interactive environments.</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have obtained at least Grade D3 in five subjects in the Leaving Certificate Examination (higher, ordinary, applied or vocational programmes) or equivalent.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>Have passed an examination at the appropriate level within the QQI qualifications framework which can be assessed as being of a comparable to Leaving Certificate standard or equivalent or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>Have appropriate relevant experience which encompasses equivalent skills and expertise.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum Level 7 recognised qualification in ICT or a related cognate discipline relevant to immersive technology, visual communications or technology-enhanced learning environments.</li> <li>• Further qualifications in immersive technologies, digital media, computer science, game development or interactive design</li> </ul>

<p><b>Work experience</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 3 years' work experience in the field of technology</li> <li>• Strong digital capability with practical experience using software tools and applications relevant to immersive technology development, delivery or learning environments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced knowledge of immersive technology disciplines, including VR, AR, MR, spatial computing, and interactive 3D environments, with application in education, training or industry contexts.</li> <li>• Knowledge of the FET and/or HE educational landscape, including curriculum design, programme delivery, and QFI policies and procedures within technology-enhanced or innovation-led programmes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Communication/ Interpersonal skills</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to effectively collaborate with team members and stakeholders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to clearly communicate complex technical concepts to non-technical stakeholders</li> </ul>
<p><b>Special Requirements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Driving Licence</li> </ul>	

## The Office

The office is a 3 year Fixed Term contract of employment. The normal working week is a 35 hours five-day week basis excluding breaks.

The holder of the office shall not engage in any gainful occupation, other than as an officer of MSLETB, to such an extent as to impair the performance of his or her duties as an officer of MSLETB or in any occupation which might conflict with the interests of MSLETB or which might be inconsistent with discharge of his or her duties as an MSLETB Officer.

## Probation

The successful candidate shall serve a probationary period in accordance with the terms set out in MSL ETB's Probationary Policy.

## Salary

The salary shall be fully inclusive and shall be as determined from time to time. Holders of the office shall pay to MSLETB any fees or other monies (*other than their inclusive salary*) payable to or received by them by virtue of their office or in respect of any services which they are required by or under any enactment to perform.

### Salary Scale as per Circular Letter 0058/2026.

The current salary scale for Grade VII posts is as follows

Rate from 01/06/2026
€61,216
€62,716
€64,463
€66,218
€67,974
€69,548
€71,146
€72,702
€74,251
€76,910*
€79,582**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: SALARY:** As per DEY guidelines, new appointees who are entering this grade for the first time will start at the minimum point of the scale. Incremental credit may only apply, if, immediately prior to appointment, the appointee is already a serving Civil or Public Servant. Rate of remuneration may be adjusted from time to time in line with Government pay policy. Starting Salary is not subject to negotiation.

## Annual Leave

The annual leave allowance for the position of Senior Training Advisor is 29 days pro rata. This allowance is subject to the usual conditions regarding the granting of annual leave in MSLETB, is based on a five-day week and is exclusive of the usual public holidays.

### **Sick Leave**

Pay during properly certified sick absence, provided there is no evidence of permanent disability for service, will apply on a pro-rata basis, in accordance with the provisions of relevant legislation and Department circulars.

### **Location/Base**

The initial location of this position is the MSLETB, Sligo College XR Hub, SocoLab, Airport Rd, Strandhill, Co. Sligo, F91 C66T

Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board reserves the right to assign you to any location or base that is under the control of Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board, as the need arises. Any change in location or base by Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board will not be deemed as redeployment as provided for under the Public Service Agreements.

### **Start Date**

MSLETB shall require a person to whom an appointment is offered to take up such appointment within a period of not more than 6 weeks and if they fail to take up the appointment within such period or such long period as the MSLETB in its absolute discretion may determine, MSLETB shall not appoint them.

### **Business Travel**

When absent from home and headquarters on duty appropriate travelling expenses and subsistence allowances will be paid subject to the normal ETB/Public Service regulations.

### **Superannuation Contributions**

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

Persons who become pensionable officers of MLETB, who are liable to pay the Class A rate of PRSI contribution will be required in respect of their superannuation to contribute to MSLETB at the rate of 1.5% of their pensionable remuneration plus 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)

All person who become pensionable officers of MSLETB are required, in respect of Spouses and Children Contributory Pension Scheme 1986, to contribute to MSLETB at the rate of 1.5% of their pensionable remuneration or net pensionable remuneration, whichever is relevant and in accordance with the terms of the Scheme.

Person who become pensionable officers of MSLETB for the first time on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 are liable to pay the Class A rate of PRSI contribution and are required in respect of superannuation to contribute at the rate of 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) plus 3% of pensionable pay.

## **Retirement**

Effective from 1st January 2013, the Single Public Service Scheme applies to all first-time new entrants to the public service, as well as to former public servants returning to the public service after a break of more than 26 weeks. The minimum retirement age is 66 with compulsory retirement at age 70.

For appointee who are deemed not to be “new entrants” as defined in the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004, the minimum retirement age is 60 and the maximum retirement age is 70.

For Class A “new entrants” as defined in the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 the minimum retirement age is 65 with no maximum retirement age

## **Pension Accrual**

A 40-year limit on total service that can be counted towards pension where a person has been a member of more than one existing public service pension scheme would apply. This 40-year limit, which is provided for in the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012 came into effect on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2012. This may have implication for any appointee who has acquired pension rights in a previous public service employment.

## **Pension Abatement**

If the appointee has previously been employed in the Civil or Public Service and is in receipt of a pension from the Civil or Public Service or where a Civil/Public pension comes into payment during his/her re-employment that pension will be subject to abatement in accordance with Section 52 of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012.

## **Department of Education and Skills Early Retirement Scheme for Teachers Circular 102/2007**

The Department of Education and Skills introduced an Early Retirement Scheme for Teachers. It is a condition of the Early Retirement Scheme that with the exception of the situations set out in paragraphs 10.2 and 10.3 of the relevant circular, and with those exceptions only, if a teacher accepts early retirement under Strands 1, 2 or 3 of this scheme and is subsequently employed in any capacity in any area of the public sector, payment of pension to that person under the scheme will immediately cease. Pension payments will, however, be resumed on the ending of such employment or on the person’s 60th birthday, whichever is the later, but on resumption, the pension will be based on the person’s actual reckonable service as a teacher (i.e. the added years previously granted will not be taken into account in the calculation of the pension payment).

## **III-Health Retirement**

Please note that where an individual has retired from a Civil/Public Service body on the grounds of ill-health his/her pension from that employment may be subject to review in accordance with the rules of ill-health retirement within the pension scheme of that employment.

## **Eligibility to compete**

### **Citizenship requirements**

Eligible Candidates must 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 has a Stamp 4 permission<sup>[1]</sup> or a Stamp 5 permission.

**To qualify candidates must be eligible by the date of any job offer.**

### **Incentivised Scheme for Early Retirement (ISER)**

It is a condition of the Incentivised Scheme for Early Retirement (ISER) as set out in Department of Finance Circular 12/09 that retirees, under that Scheme, are not eligible to apply for another position in the same employment or the same sector. Therefore, such retirees may not apply for this position.

### **Department of Environment, Community & Local Government (Circular letter LG (P) 06/2013**

The Department of Environment, Community & Local Government Circular Letter LG (P) 06/2013 introduced a Voluntary Redundancy Scheme for Local Authorities. In accordance with the terms of the Collective Agreement: Redundancy Payments to Public Servants dated 28 June 2012 as detailed below, it is a specific condition of that Voluntary Early Retirement (VER) Scheme that persons will not be eligible for re-employment in any Public Service body [as defined by the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Acts 2009 – 2011 and the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012] for a period of 2 years from their date of departure under this Scheme. These conditions also apply in the case of

engagement/employment on a contract for service basis (either as a contractor or as an employee of a contractor).

### **Department of Health and Children Circular (7/2010)**

The Department of Health Circular 7/2010 dated 1 November 2010 introduced a Targeted Voluntary Early Retirement (VER) Scheme and Voluntary Redundancy Schemes (VRS). It is a condition of the VER scheme that persons availing of the scheme will not be eligible for reemployment in the public health sector or in the wider Public Service or in a body wholly or mainly funded from public monies. The same prohibition on re-employment applies under the VRS, except that the prohibition is for a period of 7 years. People who availed of the VER are not eligible to compete in this competition. People who availed of VRS scheme and who may be successful in this competition will have to prove their eligibility (expiry of period of non-eligibility).

## **Collective Agreement: Redundancy Payments to Public Servants**

The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to Personnel Officers introduced, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012, a Collective Agreement which has been reached between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Public Services Committee of the ICTU in relation to ex-gratia Redundancy Payment to Public Servants. It 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. People who availed of this scheme and who may be successful in this competition will have to prove their eligibility (expiry of period of non-eligibility).

## **Declaration**

Applicants will be required to declare whether they have previously availed of a Public Service scheme of incentivised early retirement. Applicants will also be required to declare any entitlements to a Public Service pension benefit (in payment or preserved) from any other Public Service employment and/or where they have received a payment-in-lieu in respect of service in any Public Service employment.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: The above represents the principal conditions of service and is not intended to be the comprehensive list of all terms and condition of employment which will be set out in the employment contract to be agreed with the successful candidate.**

## How to Apply

You will only be considered for the position(s) as indicated/ticked on your Application Form. Applications on the official M.S.L.E.T.B. Application Form are only accepted by email in PDF format to: [employment@msletb.ie](mailto:employment@msletb.ie)

The Application Form allows applicants to detail their qualifications, skills and experience and how they meet the essential requirements and personal attributes of the post.

**Please note:** Only applications submitted on the official application form will be considered. The application form is available on the MSLETB website [www.msletb.ie](http://www.msletb.ie).

## Closing Date

The closing date for receipt of applications is **12 noon on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2026**. MSLETB will not consider an application received outside the closing date.

## Essential Requirements and Personal Attributes

Candidates will be required to possess all the essential requirements and personal attributes required for the position. They will be requested to demonstrate this both in the application form and, if shortlisted, by interview and/or a presentation.

## Health

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

## Selection Process

The Selection Process may include:

- shortlisting of candidates on the basis of the information contained in their application
- an initial/preliminary interview
- a competitive interview, which may also include a presentation or other exercise by the candidate.

**Please note that if MSLETB deems that there is an insufficient number of candidates for a competition to proceed, MSLETB reserves the right to re-advertise the position. Any candidates who applied for the original competition will be entered into the re-advertised position competition automatically.**

## Shortlisting

The number of applications received for a position generally exceeds that required to fill existing and future vacancies for the position. While a candidate may meet eligibility requirements of the competition, if the numbers applying for the position are such that it would not be practical to interview everyone, MSLETB may decide that a smaller number will be called to the next stage of the selection process. In this respect MSLETB provide for the employment of a shortlisting process to select a group who, based on an examination of the application forms, appear to be the most suitable for the position. This is not to suggest that other candidates are necessarily unsuitable or incapable of undertaking the job, rather that

there are some candidates, who based on their application, appear to be better qualified and/or have more relevant experience.

An expert board will examine the application forms against agreed shortlisting criteria based on the requirements of the position. The shortlisting criteria may include both the essential and desirable criteria specified for the position. It is therefore in your own interest to provide a detailed and accurate account of your qualification/experience in your application.

### **Interviews**

The scheduling of interviews is at the discretion of MSL ETB. Candidates will be required to attend interviews at their own expense. In general, candidates must physically attend for interview as MSLETB does not normally entertain any requests for phone or video interviews, however currently, it may be a requirement for candidates to be interviewed using Microsoft Teams or using another software solution as determined by MSL ETB. MSLETB will not entertain any requests to alter the allocated interview date or time, however MSLETB reserves the right to alter candidates allocated interview date or time. Candidates who do not attend for interview when and where required, or confirm their acceptance of attendance at interview if requested, will have no claim for further consideration and their candidature will be deemed to be withdrawn.

### **Panel**

A panel may be formed by the interview board. Once a panel is formed, it remains in existence for a period of 12 months.

### **Communication**

You may have your ability to communicate effectively in Irish and English assessed. Your ability in the language in which the interview is conducted will be assessed at the interview itself and in the other language by a separate competitive language test. This test will comprise conversation on ordinary topics and, to the extent that this may be appropriate, on matters relating to the duties of the post.

### **References**

We would appreciate it if you would start considering names of people who you feel would be suitable referees that we might consult (2 - 3 names and contact details). These referees do not have to include your current employer, but should be in a position to provide a reference for you. Please be assured that we will only collect the details and contact referees should you come under consideration for the post.

### **Security Clearance**

When a panel member accepts a post they will need to apply for a vetting disclosure from the National Vetting Bureau if their role is engaged in relevant work (e.g. access to, or contact with, children or vulnerable adults). The applicant will be required to complete and return a Garda Vetting form should they come under consideration for appointment. This form will be forwarded to An Garda Síochána for security checks on all Irish and Northern Irish addresses at which they resided. This process will be initiated by MSLETB for the confirmed successful candidate recommended for any post engaged in relevant work.

If you have lived in any country for 6 months or more from the date of your 16th birthday other than the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland it will be mandatory to provide security clearance for each jurisdiction in which you have resided stating that you have no convictions recorded against you while residing there. All appointments will require satisfactory security clearances. **Please note if you require overseas security clearance and are unable to produce it at the time of the job offer then the job offer may be withdrawn.**

Your security clearance must be dated AFTER you left that country and cover the entire period of your residence. Seeking security clearances from other countries (e.g. UK excluding Northern Ireland, USA etc.) are the responsibility of the candidate. It is a process which can take an amount of time. Therefore, if you are interested in pursuing a career within MSLETB we strongly advise that you commence seeking international security clearances now.

Note: Candidates who studied outside of the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland e.g. in the UK (excluding Northern Ireland), please pay particular attention to this. You will require UK disclosure to cover the entire period you were in the UK. Clearance must be dated **after** you left the UK.

The following websites may be of assistance to you in this regard:

### **United Kingdom**

[https://www.acro.police.uk/police\\_certificates.aspx](https://www.acro.police.uk/police_certificates.aspx)

<http://www.police.uk/forces/> website will provide you with a link to each police force site in the UK. Click on the relevant force covering the area where you resided. A search under Data Protection or Data Access Request or Subject Access Request will bring you to the relevant section of that Police Forces website.

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/working/finding-job> (This website will provide you with a list of registered agencies to contact in the UK who may process your request for UK clearance with the Criminal Records Bureau).

### **Australia**

[www.afp.gov.au](http://www.afp.gov.au) This website will provide you with information on obtaining a national police clearance certificate for Australia

### **New Zealand**

[www.police.govt.nz](http://www.police.govt.nz) This website will provide you with information on obtaining police clearance in New Zealand.

### **United States of America**

Please note that valid Security/Overseas Clearance from the USA must be obtained from the **FBI only**,

**<https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks>**

FBI Clearance is valid for all of the United States and convictions / remarks occurring anywhere in the United States would be noted. Individual US State Clearance (e.g., New York State Clearance) is not acceptable as it is valid for that State alone and convictions / remarks occurring in other States may or may not be noted.

## **Other Countries**

For other countries not listed above you may find it helpful to contact the relevant embassies who could provide you with information on seeking Police Clearance.

Candidates please do not send us your overseas clearance or any other documentation unless we request it from you. Candidates who accept a job offer will have specified timeline within which to produce the required documentation; otherwise the job offer will be withdrawn. These timelines are communicated to you at pre-employment clearances stage – typically this is 5 working days.

When requested, a copy of your overseas Clearance will be retained on file and the original returned to you by post.

**Note: Any costs incurred in this process will be borne by the candidate.**

## **Other Important Information**

Only applications submitted before the closing date and time will be accepted into the competition. Candidates must inform MSLETB of any changes to their details once they have submitted their application form. All further correspondence with applicants will be by email, therefore the onus is on the candidate to keep MSLETB up to date on their current details.

The admission of a person to a competition, or invitation to attend an interview, is not to be taken as implying that the MSLETB is satisfied that such person fulfils the requirements of the competition 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 that 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 the MSLETB will not be responsible for refunding any expenses incurred.

Prior to any candidate being considered for appointment to this position the MSLETB may make all such enquiries including health checks that are deemed necessary to determine the suitability of that candidate. Until all stages of the recruitment process have been fully completed a final determination cannot be made nor can it be deemed or inferred that such a determination has been made.

Should the person recommended for appointment decline, or having accepted it relinquish it, the MSLETB may at its discretion, select and recommend another person for appointment on the results of this selection process.

MSLETB will not be responsible for refunding any expenses incurred by candidates.

## **The Importance of Confidentiality**

Subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014 applications will be treated in strict confidence.

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

Certain items of information, not specific to any individual, are extracted from computer records for general statistical purposes.

### **Deeming of candidature to be withdrawn**

Candidates who do not attend for interview as required or other test when and where required by MSLETB, or who do not, when requested, furnish such evidence, as MSLETB requires in regard to any matter relevant to their candidature, will have no further claim to consideration.

Candidates are expected to provide all requested documentation to MSLETB, including all forms issued by MSLETB for completion, within five days of request. Failure to do so will result in the candidate being deemed to have withdrawn from the competition and their candidature will receive no further consideration.

### **Use of Recording Equipment**

MSLETB does not allow the unsanctioned use of any type of recording equipment on its premises. This applies to any form of sound recording and any type of still picture or video recording, whether including sound recording or not, and covers any type of device used for these purposes.

Any person wishing to use such equipment for any of these purpose must seek written permission in advance. This policy is on place to protect the privacy of staff and customers and the integrity of our assessment material and assessment processes.

Unsanctioned use of recording equipment by any person is a breach of this policy. Any candidate involved in such a breach could be disqualified from the competition and could be subject to prosecution under section 55 of the Public Service Management (Recruitment & Appointments) Act 2004.

In addition, where a person found guilty of an offence was or is a candidate at a recruitment process, then

- Where he/she has not been appointed to a post, he/she will be disqualified as a candidate and
- Where he/she has been appointed subsequently to the recruitment process in question, he/she shall forfeit that appointment.

### **Candidates' Obligations**

Candidates should note that canvassing will disqualify and will result in their exclusion from the process.

#### **Candidates must not:**

- knowingly or recklessly provide false information
- canvass any person with or without inducements
- interfere with or compromise the process in any way.

A third party must not personate a candidate at any stage of the process.

Any person who contravenes the above provisions or who assists another person in contravening the above provisions is guilty of an offence. A person who is found guilty of an offence is liable to a fine/ imprisonment.

In addition, where a person found guilty of an offence was or is a candidate at a recruitment process, then:

- where he/she has not been appointed to a post, he/she will be disqualified as a candidate and
- where he/she has been appointed subsequently to the recruitment process in question, he/she shall forfeit that appointment.

### **Quality Customer Service**

We aim to provide an excellent quality service to all our customers. If, for whatever reason, you are unhappy with any aspect of the service you receive from us, we urge you to bring this to the attention of the unit or staff member concerned. This is important as it ensures that we are aware of the problem and can take the appropriate steps to resolve it.

### **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force in the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, replacing the existing data protection framework under the EU Data Protection Directive.

When you submit an application for a competition, we create a computer record in your name. Information submitted with a job application is used in processing your application. Where the services of a third party are used in processing your application, it may be required to provide them with information, however all necessary precautions will be taken to ensure the security of your data.

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