

GAS SAFETY SPECIALIST / INSPECTOR

Role:	Gas Safety Specialist / Inspector
Reporting to:	Director of Energy Safety
Position:	Two year fixed term contract with possibility of extension
Location:	Tallaght Dublin 24 (with travel ¹)
Direct Reports:	None (however the role involves team leadership responsibilities) ²

The Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) is Ireland's independent energy regulator with a wide range of economic, safety and customer protection responsibilities in energy and water.

The CER's current responsibilities include regulating the Irish electricity and natural gas sectors and it is the economic regulator of public water and waste water services in Ireland. The overall aim of the CER is to protect the interests of customers and to maintain the country's security of supply in what is a constantly changing environment. The CER also has an important related function in customer protection by resolving complaints that customers have with energy and water companies. The CER's growing safety responsibilities include safety regulation of electrical contractors, gas and LPG installers and the safe operation of the onshore gas network with a view to protecting life and property. The CER is also the safety regulator of upstream petroleum safety activities including off-shore gas and oil.

Do YOU have the Energy?

The CER is now seeking a highly motivated, exceptional, qualified and experienced individual to join the CER as a Gas Safety Specialist / Inspector.

If you want to be part of a progressive and dynamic organisation, driving change in key areas of the Irish economy, we are the organisation for you. The CER's focus, whether in safety or economic regulation, is protecting the public interest. You will play a key role in bridging the link between the broad range of functions that the CER exercises and how they impact and relate to the public/the diverse range of CER stakeholders.

For the right candidate, you will be afforded the opportunity to develop skills in an industry which is critical to Ireland's economic well-being, and which is addressing significant and exciting challenges

¹ There is travel implicit in the position: the successful candidate shall be required to travel to locations where audits, inspections and investigations are to be undertaken.

² While the post does not carry responsibility for line management, the successful candidate will be expected to mentor and coach staff on audits, inspections and investigations, and to work in a team environment.

as the energy landscape transforms itself in response to global challenges around environmental sustainability and safety standards.

As part of the Energy Safety Division, the Gas Safety Specialist / Inspector is responsible for carrying out audits and inspections of the approved Gas Safety Supervisory Body (SSB) and its inspectors and progressing gas enforcement related investigations.

The Gas Safety Specialist / Inspector will be supported by a team which includes the Safety Supervision Regulatory Manager and Safety Analysts in the discharge of their role.

While the role forms part of the Safety Supervision team, the successful candidate will also contribute to the wider Safety Division as requirements dictate, including the provision of support to the technical specialist/inspector responsible for electrical related enforcement investigations. The Specialist may so be involved in engaging, influencing and managing relationships with key gas safety stakeholders (in particular the GSSB), as required.

Responsibilities of Position

The Gas Safety Specialist / Inspectors specific accountabilities/responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Carrying out audits and inspections of the approved Gas SSB and its inspectors, the compilation of associated reports of inspection findings and closing findings;
- In line with process, undertaking gas related enforcement investigations in respect of individuals or companies undertaking Gas Works or portraying themselves as being an RGI without being registered with the Gas SSB, attending court trials as an expert witness;
- Undertaking I.S. 813 Annex E safety checks on gas appliances;
- Providing technical support to the Safety Supervision team in relation to gas regulation under CER's remit;
- Mentoring, developing and coaching staff on audits, inspections and investigations;

It would also be beneficial if the successful candidate could be in a position to support the Electrical Safety Specialist / Inspector i.e. undertake electrical related enforcement in respect of individuals or companies undertaking Restricted Electrical Works or portraying themselves as being an REC without being registered with the Electrical SSB. This may include undertaking all appropriate electrical testing and any other required electrical safety checks and attend court trials as an expert witness.

Person Specification

- Exemplary planning and organisational skills;
- Ability to take information and analyse/challenge it in a constructive manner and subsequently communicate it clearly and concisely;
- Proven decision making ability using sound judgement;
- Good interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills; and
- Exemplary team working skills.

Technical / Professional Expertise and Qualifications

Required:

- Minimum 5 years relevant experience in a regulated gas related industry;
- Level 8 Honours Degree in relevant discipline e.g. Building Services, Mechanical or Electrical Engineering;
- GIS and GID certified;
- Substantial experience in carrying out audits and inspections;
- Proven ability to undertake I.S. 813 Annex safety inspections;
- Experience in incident investigations;
- Experience of hazard analysis, risk assessment, mitigation and control; and
- Demonstrate very good understanding of CER's safety regulation requirements.

Desirable:

- Trade certificate in relevant discipline;
- Experience in quality management systems and safety management systems;
- Experience in carrying out enforcement actions/prosecutions;
- Electrical qualification, equivalent to Level 6 – 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications;
- Relevant experience in the electrical regulated industry; and
- Experience of training and continuous development.

The Package

We are offering an attractive package:

- Salary scale €57,061 to €79,780.

The rate of remuneration may be adjusted from time to time in line with Government pay policy.

- Opportunity for upskilling in specialist technical areas
- Attractive Pension Scheme
- Increments may be awarded annually subject to satisfactory performance and to the terms of the Haddington Road Agreement.
- Access to Cycle to Work Scheme
- 30 days annual leave
- 9 days bank / public holiday
- Flexible working arrangements
- Tax free bus / Luas to assist with travel costs to and from work
- Access to Employee Assistance Programme

Application Process

The CER is seeking an experienced and highly qualified individual to join its Energy Safety Division as Gas Safety Specialist / Inspector.

A CV and cover letter should be sent to the HR Manager by 5pm on 31 July 2015 at the address below.

Commission for Energy Regulation,

The Exchange,

Belgard Square North,

Tallaght,

Dublin 24.

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Short listed candidates will be invited to attend for interview and may be asked to make a short presentation on a brief that will be forwarded prior to interview. A two-stage interview process may also be applied. The CER may establish a shortlist of suitable candidates for potential future positions within the organisation