

Appointments to the Panel of Experts for Recognising International Professional Qualifications for Gas Installers

Location

It is expected that meetings will take place every 2 months either virtually via MS Teams or at the Commission for Regulation of Utilities' (CRU's) offices in Tallaght, Dublin 24.

The decision as to whether meetings take place virtually or in person, will be at the CRU's discretion.

Remuneration

- €100 per application processed. It is estimated that there will be approximately 5-8 applications per quarter.
- €600 per meeting plus reasonable expenses at Civil Service Rates, where meetings take place at the CRU's office. It is estimated that the Panel will take place every 2 months.

Time Requirements

One-half day every 2 months to agree decisions where meetings take place virtually or one full day per every 2 months at the CRU's offices where meetings take place in person.

The frequency of meetings may increase or decrease, depending upon the number of applications received.

Ahead of the meetings Panel members will be expected to have undertaken their own review of each application to be decided.

Background

The CRU is the Competent Authority for gas installers in Ireland. The CRU carries out this function through the Registered Gas Installer (RGI) statutory regulatory scheme. The Gas Criteria Document¹, sets out how the RGI scheme operates. The current qualification requirements to become an RGI are as follows:

- a. An Advanced Craft Certificate in Gas Fitting, Electrical, Plumbing, or Refrigeration - Level 6 (NFQ).
- and*
- b. A Domestic Gas Safety (DGS) award or equivalent.

The European Recognition of Professional Qualifications Directive 2005/36/EC² ("the Directive"), obliges the CRU to put in place a system of recognition for eligible persons from EEA Member States with relevant non-Irish qualifications applying for registration to the RGI scheme.

¹ The Gas Criteria Document is subject to amendment from time to time. The [Gas Safety Supervisory Criteria Document Version 1.6](#) was published by the CRU on 26 July 2016.

² [Directive 2005/36/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council.

In August 2019, the CRU published a decision paper³ on the recognition processes for professional qualifications. The decision paper set out that the CRU would establish a panel of subject matter experts to review applications from people with relevant non-Irish professional qualifications.

The outcome of the review process will determine whether or not an applicant is eligible to apply to the RGI Scheme, or whether following compensation measures an applicant is eligible to apply to for the RGI scheme.

The Panel of Experts

The function of the Panel is to review and assess the applicants’:

- Professional Qualification(s)
- Additional post-qualifying education and training
- Professional work experience.

The Panel must examine each application within the prescribed timeline and in accordance with other requirements as set out by the Directive.

Applicants will be required to fill out an application form with the relevant details relating to their qualification(s) and professional experience. The role of the Panel of Experts (“the Panel”) is to review the applications and assess if applicants have demonstrated an appropriate level of competence to become registered with the RGI scheme.

The Panel will map the respective applicant’s qualification(s) against the list of essential subjects/learning outcomes of the relevant accepted Irish qualification(s). If there are any substantial differences (deficits) between the applicant’s qualification(s) and the essential subjects/learning outcomes, the Panel will assess if the applicant’s professional work experience addresses these deficits.

The Panel will then decide if compensation measures need to be applied, namely by either sitting an aptitude test or completing an adaptation period.

Personal Specification

Essential

- Relevant work experience related to Ireland’s downstream natural gas/LPG industry
- Knowledge/experience of Irish vocational training qualifications – particularly apprenticeships – plumbing, refrigeration, gas fitting, electrical
- Working knowledge of relevant gas standards, codes of practice and international best practice in the gas industry
- Commitment to confidentiality and public safety.

Desirable

- Strong working knowledge of the RGI scheme

³ [CRU/19/094](#): Decision Paper on the Recognition Processes for Professional Qualifications for entry to the Safe Electric and RGI Schemes.

- Knowledge/experience of EEA member states' and/or third country vocational training qualifications and standards, especially relating to gas, plumbing or refrigeration
- Knowledge/experience of professional or academic recognition
- Previous experience of advising on gas installation sectors, for example as a subject matter expert
- Experience of working to specific deadlines to deliver on detailed high-level frameworks
- Previous experience in the regulatory and/or public sector.

Term of Appointment

A member of the Panel shall hold office for a period of one year from the date of appointment and be eligible for reappointment for an additional one-year period by mutual agreement.

Submitting your application

Applications (CV and covering letter) should be made by e-mail to: crucareers@rsmireland.ie

The deadline for applications is 07 January 2022 (to be received not later than midnight).

Short-listed candidates will be invited to attend for interview in week commencing 17 January 2022.

Candidates must have continued eligibility to legally work in Ireland.

The CRU Recruitment Privacy Notice sets out how we protect the privacy rights of those applying for positions with CRU and can be found on the Careers page on the CRU Website (<https://www.cru.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/GDPR-Recruitment-Data-Privacy-Notice-May-2018.pdf>), or alternatively you can contact hrdepartment@cru.ie who will arrange for this to be sent directly to you.

Publicly Available Information

1. [Gas Safety Supervisory Criteria Document Version 1.6](#)
2. [Directive 2005/36/EC](#): Recognition of Professional Qualifications
3. [CRU/18/230](#): Consultation Paper on the Proposed Recognition Process for Professional Qualifications for entry to the Safe Electric and RGI Schemes
4. [CRU/19/094](#): Decision Paper on the Recognition Processes for Professional Qualifications for entry to the Safe Electric and RGI Schemes.