

Appointments to the Panel of Experts for Recognising International Professional Qualifications for Electrical Contractors

Location

It is expected that meetings will take place every 3 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 10-15 applications per month.
- €600 per day for meetings plus reasonable expenses at Civil Service Rates. It is estimated that the Panel will meet a minimum of one day per month at the CRU's offices.

Time Requirements

One-half day every 3 months to agree decisions where meetings take place virtually or one full day per every 3 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 electrical contractors in Ireland. The CRU carries out this function through the Registered Electrical Contractors (REC) statutory regulatory scheme. The Electrical Criteria Document¹, sets out how Scheme operates. The current qualification requirements are as follows:

- An Advanced Craft Certificate – Electrical (Level 6, NFQ).

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 REC scheme.

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

¹ The Electrical Criteria Document is subject to amendment from time to time. The [Electrical Safety Criteria Documents](#) was published by the CRU on 22 April 2016.

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

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

of subject matter experts to review applications from people with relevant non-Irish professional qualifications.

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 REC 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 electrical industry
- Knowledge/experience of Irish vocational electrical training qualifications – particularly apprenticeships
- Working knowledge of relevant electrical standards, codes of practice and international best practice in the electrical industry
- Commitment to confidentiality and public safety.

Desirable

- Strong working knowledge of the REC scheme
- Knowledge/experience of EEA member states’ and/or third country vocational training qualifications and standards, especially relating to electrical work
- Knowledge/experience of professional or academic recognition
- Previous experience of advising on electrical 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.

Submitting your application

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

The deadline for applications is 20th May 2022 (to be received not later than midnight).

Short-listed candidates will be invited to attend for interview in week commencing 30th May 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](#) or alternatively you can contact hrdepartment@cru.ie who will arrange for this to be sent directly to you.

Publicly Available Information

1. Electrical Safety Supervisory Criteria Document (Version 3.0)
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.