

**General Operative with Caretaker Allowance  
Ballyfermot Training Centre  
Permanent Position  
Ref: GOCA25**

City of Dublin Education and Training Board (City of Dublin ETB) was established on 1st July 2013 under the Education and Training Boards Act, 2013. City of Dublin ETB has 3,000 employees and an annual budget of €580m. It is the state education and training authority for Dublin city and serves the area covered by Dublin City Council. This provision is delivered to over 48,000 learners (20,000 full-time and 28,000 part-time) and is supported by a range of services including a psychological service, a curriculum development unit, a buildings maintenance unit and Head Office staff in Ballsbridge. It also has statutory responsibility for supporting the provision, coordination, administration and assessment of youth work services in Dublin city and is the lead partner for Music Generation Dublin City. City of Dublin ETB is also responsible for the national awarding authority for student grants in Ireland, Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI).

Ballyfermot Training Centre, as part of the City of Dublin ETB is committed to delivering an extensive range of training courses to its clients. These clients include persons entering the labour market for the first time, persons changing career, persons wishing to up-date or acquire new skills, and apprentices. Courses include Apprenticeship Phase 2, Adult Day Courses and Evening Courses.

Please note that a panel may be formed from this competition.

<b>Proposed Timeframe</b>	Shortlisting will take place week commencing: 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025 Interviewing to commence week beginning: 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025.  <i><b>*All dates are subject to change and are for guidance only</b></i>
<b>Details of Position</b>	City of Dublin ETB provides a broad and comprehensive range of high-quality educational services in our schools, colleges and centres. Our maintenance staff play a key role within the organisations support structure working with school, college and centre management to maintain the highest standards of cleaning, upkeep and stewarding to assist in the running of the organisation.
<b>Role</b>	To oversee the general cleanliness and tidiness of the work area assigned. The efficient and economical operation of the heating, lighting, water and sewage systems and assisting generally in the efficient operation, maintenance and upkeep of the Training Centre and provide support to construction courses.
<b>Location of Position</b>	Ballyfermot Training Centre, Chapelizod Hill Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20, D20 CX93.
<b>Salary</b>	For persons entering public service for the first time, starting pay will be at the minimum point of the General Operative Salary Scale (Full time) €641.27 per week / €33,462 p.a plus a caretaker allowance at €49.19 per week. This is not negotiable. An incremental salary scale applies thereafter.  Previous public sector experience in an analogous grade may be eligible for incremental credit, which will be determined upon appointment.  Salary is paid fortnightly by Electronic Funds Transfer.
<b>Annual Leave</b>	Annual leave is calculated in accordance with the Organisation of Working Time Act, 1997. Annual leave is exclusive of the usual public holidays and requests for leave must be approved in advance by your supervisor. You are obliged to take a minimum of 22 days leave in the annual leave year.
<b>Hours of Work</b>	39 hours per week. You may be requested to work additional hours and, where possible, you will be notified in advance.
<b>Essential Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous relevant experience of not less than two years' experience in a relevant post.</li> </ul>

<b>Duties and Responsibilities</b>	<p>The duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure cleanliness and general tidiness of work area assigned.</li> <li>• Ensure cleanliness and servicing of wash up facilities and toilets.</li> <li>• Ensure that all drains, water traps etc. are cleaned regularly.</li> <li>• Control all general lighting to ensure economy.</li> <li>• Ensure that the yard and loading bays are clean and tidy.</li> <li>• Supervise and control use of all cleaning equipment, including industrial cleaner, brushes etc.</li> <li>• Supervise waste removal from skips around the premises.</li> <li>• Ensure that all lights, water traps, fans, extractor plants are turned off before lock up time.</li> <li>• Ensure that services are available to the workshops as may be requested by the Manager from time to time.</li> <li>• Report any defects or unusual occurrences to the appropriate Manager.</li> <li>• Carry out all routine maintenance and upkeep of grounds and surrounding areas.</li> <li>• Carry out all general maintenance repairs in the building and its surrounding areas including litter control – emptying of bins and removal of litter from walkways, green areas and car parks and along all external fencing this to include all smoking shelters and emptying of bins and removal of litter.</li> <li>• Painting and decorating / general repairs.</li> <li>• Replacement of broken light bulbs.</li> <li>• Removal of damaged/broken equipment from classrooms/offices.</li> <li>• Ensure pathways, access roads, car parks remain accessible.</li> <li>• Acting as fire marshal. Investigating source of alarm activations.</li> <li>• Drive fork truck/drive-on lawnmower.</li> <li>• Provide support to construction courses.</li> <li>• Provide lock up services to all buildings.</li> <li>• Any other duties that may be specified by the Training Centre Manager</li> </ul>
<b>Terms &amp; Conditions of Appointment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The appointment will be subject to the sanction of the Chief Executive.</li> <li>• The appointment will be subject to a probationary period, details of which will be stipulated in the contract of employment.</li> <li>• Any offer will be subject to the receipt of two satisfactory references.</li> <li>• Appointment is to the organisation as a whole and will be initially assigned to a college or centre but may be transferred to another centre to meet the needs of the organisation.</li> <li>• External work may not be undertaken without the prior consent of City of Dublin ETB.</li> <li>• Persons appointed will be required to contribute to the Single Public Service Pension Superannuation Scheme.</li> <li>• For the purposes of satisfying the health requirements it will be necessary for the successful candidate, before they are appointed, to undergo at City of Dublin ETB's expense, a medical examination by a qualified practitioner nominated by City of Dublin ETB.</li> </ul>
<b>Citizenship Requirements</b>	<p>Candidates should note that eligibility to compete for posts is open to citizens of the European Economic Area (EEA) or to non-EEA nationals with a valid work permit. The EEA consists of the Member States of the European Union along with Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. Swiss citizens under EU agreement may also apply. Please visit the link below for updates to these requirements:</p> <p><a href="#">Coming to Work in Ireland - Workplace Relations Commission</a></p> <p>Please note you must advise City of Dublin ETB if a work permit is required by you before commencing employment with City of Dublin ETB. This requirement should be notified to City of Dublin ETB as soon as possible.</p>
<b>Termination</b>	<p>The appointment will be terminated by one month's notice in writing on either side.</p>

<b>Garda Vetting</b>	<p>City of Dublin ETB is registered with the National Vetting Unit (NVU) which provides a disclosure service for organisations who have staff positions which may involve regular unsupervised access to children and vulnerable adults. As part of the organisations recruitment and selection process, offers of employment will be subject to NVU disclosures, where applicable.</p> <p>City of Dublin ETB reserves the right to re-vet all staff employed in positions that entail working with children and vulnerable adults at any time during their employment.</p>
<b>Sick Leave and Special Leave</b>	<p>Sick leave and special leave may be allowed in accordance with the conditions in force for the time being for staff employed under the Schemes of Education and Training Boards.</p>
<b>Superannuation &amp; Retirement</b>	<p>The successful candidate will be offered the appropriate superannuation terms and conditions as prevailing in the Public Service at the time of being offered an appointment. In general, an appointee who has never worked in the Public Service will be offered appointment based on membership of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme ("Single Scheme"). Full details of the Scheme are at: <a href="http://www.singlepensionscheme.gov.ie">www.singlepensionscheme.gov.ie</a></p> <p>Where the appointee has worked in a pensionable (non-Single Scheme terms) public service job in the 26 weeks prior to appointment or is currently on a career break or special leave with/without pay different terms may apply. The pension entitlement of such appointees will be established in the context of their public service employment history.</p> <p>Key provisions attaching to membership of the Single Scheme are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pensionable Age: The minimum age at which pension is payable is 66 (retirement age is linked to state pension age).</li> <li>• Retirement Age: Scheme members must retire on reaching the age of 70.</li> <li>• Career average earnings are used to calculate benefits (a pension and lump sum amount accrue each year and are up-dated each year by reference to CPI).</li> <li>• Post retirement pension increases are linked to CPI.</li> </ul>
<b>Pension Abatement</b>	<p>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 Service pension comes into payment during his/her re-employment that pension <b>will be subject to abatement</b> in accordance with Section 52 of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012. <b>Please note: In applying for this position you are acknowledging that you understand that the abatement provisions, where relevant, will apply. It is not envisaged that the employing Department/Office will support an application for an abatement waiver in respect of appointments to this position.</b></p> <p>However, if the appointee was previously employed in the Civil or Public Service and awarded a pension under voluntary early retirement arrangements (other than the Incentivised Scheme of Early Retirement (ISER), the Department of Health Circular 7/2010 VER/VRS or the Department of Environment, Community &amp; Local Government Circular letter LG(P) 06/2013, any of which renders a person ineligible for the competition) the entitlement to that pension will cease with effect from the date of reappointment. Special arrangements may, however, be made for the reckoning of previous service given by the appointee for the purpose of any future superannuation award for which the appointee may be eligible.</p>
<b>Department of Education Early Retirement Scheme for Teachers Circular 102/2007</b>	<p>The Department of Education 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 documentation, 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 ceasing of such employment or on the person's 60th birthday, whichever is later, but on resumption, the pension will be based</p>

	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).
<b>Exclusions</b>	<p>Candidates should note that persons who have taken part in public service early retirement schemes including the following are not eligible to take part in this competition:</p> <p><b>Incentivised Scheme for Early Retirement (ISER):</b> It is a condition of the Incentivised Scheme for Early Retirement (ISER) as set out in the Department of Finance Circular 12/09 that retirees, under that Scheme, are debarred from applying for another position in the <b>same employment or the same sector</b>. Therefore, such retirees may not apply for this position.</p> <p><b>Department of Health and Children Circular (7/2010):</b> 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 re-employment in the public health sector or in the wider public service or in a body wholly or mainly funded from public funds. The same prohibition on re-employment applies under the VRS, except that the prohibition is a period of 7 years, after which time any re-employment will require the approval of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. Persons who availed of either of these schemes are not eligible to take part 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).</p> <p><b>Department of Environment, Community &amp; Local Government (Circular Letter LG (P) 06/2013):</b> The Department of Environment, Community &amp; Local Government Circular Letter LG (PP) 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 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 two 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).</p> <p><b>Collective Agreement Redundancy Payments to Public Servants:</b> 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 had 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 interests Acts 2009 – 2011) for a period of two years from termination of the employment. People who have availed of this scheme a who may be successful in this competition will have to prove their eligibility (expiry of period of non-eligibility).</p>
<b>Ill-Health-Retirement</b>	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.
<b>Pension Accrual</b>	A 40-year limit on total service that can be counted towards pension where a person has been a member of more than one pre-existing public service pension scheme (i.e. non-Single Scheme) as per the 2012 Act shall apply. This 40-year limit is provided for in the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012. This may have implications for any appointee who has acquired pension rights in a previous public service employment.

<b>Additional Superannuation Contribution</b>	This appointment is subject to ASC (Additional Superannuation Contribution) in accordance with the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017.
<b>Declaration</b>	Applicants will be required to declare whether they have previously availed of a public service scheme of incentivised early retirement, including schemes not specifically mentioned above. 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.
<b>Referees</b>	Candidates must supply details of two referees on their application form, please note that these referees should have knowledge of you and your work to whom professional reference can be made. One of which should be your current or most recent employer.  Referees may be contacted pre or post interview directly by City of Dublin ETB at its convenience and without further notice to candidates.

**Notes:**

- Please note that it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all applications are received on time. Any technical difficulties encountered by the sender when forwarding applications are not the responsibility of City of Dublin ETB. Therefore, candidates are strongly advised to submit applications well before the 12 Noon deadline on the specified closing date.
- Your application will be assessed on the information you submit. Please ensure all sections are completed fully and accurately, giving clear evidence of qualifications, skills and experience. Incomplete applications may not be considered.
- All enquiries regarding your application should be made to [applications@cdetb.ie](mailto:applications@cdetb.ie). You must use the post reference in the subject line of the email.
- Providing incorrect information or deliberately concealing any relevant facts may result in disqualification from the selection process or, where discovery is made after appointment, in summary dismissal.
- Selection will be by the way of a competitive interview which will focus on the key skills and duties of the role and the competencies associated with roles at this level.
- Any travel or other expenses incurred by candidates whilst undertaking or attending any elements of the selection process will not be refunded by City of Dublin ETB.

Latest date for receipt of online applications is:

**12 noon on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

***Late applications will not be accepted. Shortlisting may take place.***

***Canvassing will disqualify.***

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