

**Desktop Lead**

**Competition Information Booklet**

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| **Position:** Desktop Lead  **Grade:** Engineer Grade II  **Directorate:** Chief Information Office  **Reporting to:**  ICT Technical Manager  **Location:** Haymarket House, Smithfield, Dublin 7 with a blended working  model  **Starting salary:** €74,701 (effective from 1 August 2025 in line with  Circular 16/2025)  Closing date for receipt of completed applications:  **12pm (noon) on Friday, 15th August 2025**  **Contact:** [ntacareers@rsmireland.ie](mailto:ntacareers@rsmireland.ie) |

The National Transport Authority is committed to a policy of equal opportunity.

**Overview of the National Transport Authority**

The National Transport Authority (NTA) is a statutory body established by the Minister for Transport on 1 December 2009.

At national level, the Authority has responsibility for securing the provision of public passenger land transport services, including subsidised bus and rail and light rail services. The Authority also licenses public bus passenger services delivered by private operators and has responsibility for the regulation of the small public service vehicle (SPSV) industry (taxis, hackneys and limousines). Other areas of responsibility include the State’s rural transport programme, integrated information systems for public transport customers, management of the Integrated Ticketing Scheme for Ireland (the Leap Card system), and regulation of vehicle clamping.

Within the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) the Authority carries additional responsibilities including:

* Strategic planning of transport;
* Development of an integrated, accessible public transport network;
* Promoting cycling and walking;
* Provision of public transport infrastructure generally including light rail, metro and heavy rail; and
* Effective management of traffic and transport demand.

The GDA includes the local authority areas of Dublin City, Fingal, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, South Dublin, Kildare, Meath and Wicklow.

The Authority’s Capital Investment Programme includes an exciting and challenging range of projects and programmes for development and delivery over the coming years. These include mega-projects such as MetroLink, BusConnects Dublin and the DART+ Programme, together with numerous other major projects/programmes in the heavy rail area, light rail area, bus infrastructure and public transport fleet, in addition to a large portfolio of projects in the active travel area. Along with other initiatives in the areas of micro-mobility, transport technology and climate adaption, there are stimulating and rewarding opportunities to make a real contribution to enhancing Ireland’s overall transport system.

Further information on the Authority is available on its website [www.nationaltransport.ie](http://www.nationaltransport.ie)

The National Transport Authority wishes to recruit a suitably experienced and qualified individual to the role of Desktop Lead. Successful candidates may be placed on a panel from which future vacancies may be filled.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

The Desktop Lead will be a senior technical leader within the ICT team, responsible for the delivery, support and strategic development of end-user computing services. While the title reflects a desktop-focused role, the position spans all areas of corporate IT, including infrastructure, cloud, cybersecurity and digital transformation. The role also includes project management responsibilities, leading and coordinating ICT initiatives that improve service delivery, security and operational efficiency.

**Technical Leadership:**

* Lead the desktop and end-user computing function, ensuring reliable, secure and efficient IT services.
* Act as a senior technical resource across infrastructure, cloud, networking and cybersecurity domains.
* Design and implement scalable desktop and application deployment strategies using tools such as Microsoft Intune, Autopilot and SCCM.
* Manage endpoint security, compliance and patching across all devices.
* Provide Tier 3 support for complex technical issues and act as an escalation point for the ICT support team.

**Project Management:**

* Lead ICT projects from initiation to completion, including planning, execution, monitoring and closure.
* Develop project plans, timelines and resource allocations in collaboration with stakeholders.
* Coordinate cross-functional teams and ensure alignment with organisational goals.
* Track project progress, manage risks and report on outcomes to senior management.
* Ensure projects are delivered on time, within scope and within budget.

**Operational & Strategic Contributions:**

* Collaborate with ICT colleagues on cross-functional initiatives including cloud migration, identity management and business continuity.
* Maintain and improve ICT documentation, asset management and configuration records.
* Contribute to ICT strategy, policy development and continuous service improvement.
* Mentor junior staff and foster a culture of technical excellence and collaboration.

**Technical Scope:**

* Microsoft 365 (Exchange Online, SharePoint, Teams, Defender, Purview).
* Endpoint Management (Intune, SCCM, Autopilot).
* Windows 10/11, macOS, and mobile platforms.
* Azure Active Directory, Group Policy, Conditional Access.
* Networking fundamentals (DNS, DHCP, VPN, firewalls).
* Security and compliance (MFA, endpoint protection, vulnerability management).
* Automation and scripting (PowerShell, Bash, etc.).

**Note:** The functions and responsibilities initially assigned to the position are based on the current organisational requirements and may be changed from time to time. The person appointed requires the flexibility to fulfil other roles and responsibilities at a similar level within the Authority.

**Essential Criteria**

**Please note: In order to satisfy the shortlisting panel that you meet these criteria you must explicitly reference how you meet same in your application. Failure to demonstrate these may prevent your application progressing to future shortlisting stages.**

Each candidate must meet the following requirements at the time of the competition closing:

1. Hold a minimum of an NFQ level 7 qualification in Computer Science, Information Systems, or a related field;
2. Have a minimum 5 years’ satisfactory experience in a senior technical IT role, with demonstrable experience across desktop, infrastructure, and cloud services;
3. Have 2 years’ demonstrable experience managing ICT projects and delivering technical solutions in a structured environment;
4. Possess strong knowledge of Microsoft technologies and enterprise IT environments;
5. Excellent problem-solving, communication, and stakeholder engagement skills; and
6. Have experience with ITIL-based service management and documentation practices.

**Desirable Criteria**

**Please note: Should further shortlisting be required after essential criteria above, a selection of the following may be assessed.**

The ideal candidate will also have:

1. Experience with IT Governance and Compliance Frameworks: Familiarity with standards such as ISO 27001, NIST, or GDPR compliance;
2. Certifications in Relevant Technologies: Professional certifications such as Microsoft Certified: Modern Desktop Administrator Associate, Azure Administrator Associate, or ITIL Foundation;
3. Proven Experience in Change Management and User Adoption: Ability to lead change initiatives and drive user adoption of new technologies, especially in the context of digital transformation and cloud migration;
4. Strong Vendor and Contract Management Skills: Experience managing third-party vendors, negotiating contracts, and ensuring service level agreements (SLAs) are met; and
5. Experience in Automation and Process Improvement: Demonstrated ability to streamline IT operations through scripting, automation tools, or process reengineering to improve efficiency and reduce manual workload.

**Remuneration**

**Salary Grade: Engineer Grade II**

**Salary Scale: €74,701, €76,408, €78,110, €79,821, €81,527, €81,981, €83,662, €85,408, €88,250 (LSI 1), €91,100 (LSI 2).**

**Personal Pension Contribution (PPC) rate.** This salary is payable to an individual who is required to make a personal pension contribution (PPC) to their main pension (in general those persons whose initial appointment to the Public Service is on or after 6th April 1995).

**€71,072, €72,700, €74,313, €75,941, €77,562, €79,183, €80,798, €82,436, €83,836 (LSI 1), €86,539 (LSI 2).**

**Non Personal Pension Contribution (non-PPC) rate.** This salary is payable to an individual who is not required to make a personal pension contribution (PPC) to their main pension scheme.

**Annual Leave:** 27 days per annum. This leave is on the basis of a five day week and is exclusive of the usual public holidays.

**Note:**

* entry will be at point 1 of the scale and will not be subject to negotiation;
* different pay and conditions may apply if, immediately prior to appointment the appointee is already a serving Civil Servant or Public Servant;
* the rate of remuneration may be adjusted from time to time in line with Government pay policy.

**Contract:** Permanent Contract

**Probation:** There is a 6 month probationary period which may at the discretion of the CEO be extended to 10 months.

**Selection Process**

Prior to completing your application, please read the Important Candidate Information Booklet on our careers page here: [www.nationaltransport.ie/about-us/careers](https://www.nationaltransport.ie/about-us/careers/)

**How to Apply**

Please submit your application in one single word document or PDF referencing the title of the role you wish to apply for in the subject of the email to [ntacareers@rsmireland.ie](mailto:ntacareers@rsmireland.ie)with the following:

1. A comprehensive cover letteroutlining why you wish to be considered for the post and where you believe your skills and experience meet the requirements for the role of Desktop Lead; and
2. A comprehensive CV (not to exceed 3 pages).

Please note that omission of any or part of the 2 requested documents, as set out above, will render the application incomplete. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the next stage of the selection process.

**Closing Date**

**The closing date and time for applications is strictly 12pm (noon) on 15th August 2025. Applications received after the specified deadline cannot be accepted.**

If you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your application within 2 working days of applying, please email [ntacareers@rsmireland.ie](mailto:ntacareers@rsmireland.ie)**.**

**Desktop Lead - Key Competencies**

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| **Team Leadership** | Works with the team to facilitate high performance, developing clear and realistic objectives and addressing and performance issues if they arise |
| Provides clear information and advice as to what is required of the |
| Strives to develop and implement new ways of working effectively to meet objectives |
| Leads the team by example, coaching and supporting individuals as required |
| team Places high importance on staff development, training and maximising skills & capacity of team |
|  | Is flexible and willing to adapt, positively contributing to the implementation of change |
| **Judgement, Analysis & Decision Making** | Gathers and analyses information from relevant sources, whether financial, numerical or otherwise weighing up a range of critical factors |
| Takes account of any broader issues, agendas, sensitivities and related implications when making decisions |
| Uses previous knowledge and experience in order to guide decisions |
| Uses judgement to make sound decisions with a well-reasoned rationale and stands by these |
| Puts forward solutions to address problems |
| **Management & Delivery of Results** | Takes responsibility and is accountable for the delivery of agreed objectives |
| Successfully manages a range of different projects and work activities at the same time |
| Structures and organises their own and others work effectively |
| Is logical and pragmatic in approach, delivering the best possible results with the resources available |
| Delegates work effectively, providing clear information and evidence as to what is required |
| Proactively identifies areas for improvement and develops practical suggestions for their implementation |
| Demonstrates enthusiasm for new developments/changing work practices and strives to implement these |
| Applies appropriate systems/ processes to enable quality checking of all activities and outputs |
| Practices and promotes a strong focus on delivering high quality customer service, for internal and external customers |
| **Interpersonal & Communication Skills** | Builds and maintains contact with colleagues and other stakeholders to assist in performing role |
| Acts as an effective link between staff and senior management |
| Encourages open and constructive discussions around work issues |
| Projects conviction, gaining buy-in by outlining relevant information and selling the benefits |
| Treats others with diplomacy, tact, courtesy and respect, even in challenging circumstances |
| Presents information clearly, concisely and confidently when speaking and in writing |
|  | Collaborates and supports colleagues to achieve organisational goals |
| **Specialist Knowledge, Expertise and Self Development** | Has a clear understanding of the roles, objectives and targets of self and team and how they fit into the work of the unit and Department/ Organisation and effectively communicates this to others |
| Has high levels of expertise and broad Public Sector knowledge relevant to his/her area of work |
| Focuses on self-development, striving to improve performance |
| **Drive & Commitment to Public Service Values** | Strives to perform at a high level, investing significant energy to achieve agreed objectives |
| Demonstrates resilience in the face of challenging circumstances and high demands |
| Is personally trustworthy and can be relied upon |
| Ensures that customers are at the heart of all services provided |
| Upholds high standards of honesty, ethics and integrity |