

**Public Transport Contracts Manager**

**Competition Information Booklet**

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| **Position:** Public Transport Contracts Manager**Grade:** Engineer Grade II**Directorate:** Public Transport Services**Reporting to:**  Senior Public Transport Contracts Manager**Location:** Haymarket House, Smithfield, Dublin 7 with a blended working  model**Starting salary:** €74,701Closing date for receipt of completed applications:**12pm (noon) on Friday, 10 October 2025****Contact:** careers@nationaltransport.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 Public Transport Contracts Manager. Successful candidates may be placed on a panel from which future vacancies may be filled.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

* Management and administration of public transport contracts to include reviewing and analysing operator reports.
* Verifying and auditing of operational data and liaison with operators, including identification and monitoring of initiatives to improve operator performance and data quality.
* Reviewing operator proposals for variations to contracts and services and initiating or negotiating Authority led contract variations with operators as required.
* Managing contract budgets and assisting in the preparation of cost reports and annual budget submissions for management and departmental review.
* Analysis and review of rail and bus operator data for larger contracts including passenger loading data and operator performance data.
* Preparation, review and circulation, and presentation of summary reports and presentations, including on contract performance trends, to both internal and external stakeholders, including NTA management and operators.
* Overseeing the calculation of contractual payments due, including performance related deductions, bonus payments and incentives.
* Managing external consultants in supporting the public transport contracts team’s work.
* Managing NTA surveys and audits of operator performance, including mystery passenger surveys, fare evasion surveys, passenger loading surveys and other performance surveys/audits that may be required from time to time.
* Preparation and review of material for annual statistical bulletins for public transport services.
* Analysis of fare structures, fare levels and revenue forecasts.
* Financial and economic evaluation of costs and benefits of service changes.
* Collation and review of cost, performance or other contract related data for internal and external audit purposes and meeting with auditors as required.
* Monitoring, improving and implementing quality procedures to ensure high quality outcomes from the public transport team’s work.
* Supporting the procurement of public transport service contracts, including the preparation of contract documents, technical schedules and service specifications for public transport services contracts, appropriate to the type of services being procured, working with NTA legal and technical advisors as required, responding to bidder enquiries and evaluation of tender submissions.
* Leading in contract implementation prior to commencement of services.
* Liaison with other departments within the National Transport Authority in relation to proposed service amendments or new contracted services, and equipment, infrastructure or travel information required to support the delivery of contracted public transport services.
* Active engagement with other functions within the Authority including finance, technology, customer experience, public affairs, service planning and regulation.
* Other contract management or data analysis related tasks as required.

**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 in a relevant numerate discipline, such as engineering, mathematics, statistics, science, economics or equivalent;
2. Have at least 5 years’ relevant work experience of which 2 years should be in an analytical, or contract management or procurement environment;
3. Have excellent analytical skills, with the ability to overview situations, review and evaluate, defining plans and setting targets in order to achieve goals;
4. Have superior report writing skills together with an ability to produce high quality analysis and reporting in a clear and concise manner; and
5. Possess excellent IT skills, particularly in Microsoft Excel or similar packages.

**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:

1. Possess a high standard of technical training and experience preferably in a transport or related environment;
2. Be able to work within, and contribute positively to, multi-disciplinary teams;
3. Have a good knowledge of public transport services, policies and governance arrangements, or the ability to quickly acquire such knowledge;
4. Have experience in cost control and budgetary management;
5. Have a good working knowledge of relevant European and national public procurement law, procedures and best practice in relation to public service contracts or, the ability to quickly acquire such knowledge;
6. Be able to lead and direct the work of a project team;
7. Have good time, quality and cost management skills to manage and deliver tasks that run concurrently, and that require both internal and external resources; and
8. Have a creative approach to problem solving and a collaborative approach to working with others to reach a solution.

**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 **careers@nationaltransport.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 Public Transport Contracts Manager; 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 10 October 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 careers@nationaltransport.ie**.**

**Public Transport Contracts Manager - 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 |
| 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 |