Records Retention Schedule

Type of File / Record	What is included on File /	Retention Period and Reason for
	Record	Same
Competition File (Physical)	As per Competition File Data	Indefinite – transfer to National
	Retention – See Appendix 4	Archives;
		National Archives Act 1986;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
Other Competition	Board members notes not	Destroy once board report has
Documents	forming part of the official	been prepared;
	record (i.e. not the notes	Section 34 of the Public Service
	taken by PAS	Management (Recruitment and
	Representative) and	Appointments Act 2004
	duplicate applications/other	
	duplicate records	
Competition Documents	Board Member	Three years;
(Electronic)	Correspondence,	Business reasons;
	Supplementary Applications,	Section 34 of the Public Service
	other documents containing	Management (Recruitment and
	personal information	Appointments Act 2004
Clearance & Assignments	As per Clearance &	Three years;
File (Physical)	Assignments File Data	National Archives Act 1986;
	Retention	Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
Requests for Reviews	Request received;	Three years (unless there is a legal
	acknowledgement; response	case underway); legal advice
	from PAS; all associated	retained indefinitely and
	research	transferred to National Archives
		(National Archives Act 1986)
		Business reasons;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004

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	Record	Same
STAR (PAS Recruitment	All personal information on STAR	Indefinite; can be deleted my
Application) Information	(candidate application data**	candidates themselves; *where a
-personal	including title, name, phone	candidate has progressed through
	number(s), email address, postal	a selection process this information
	address, gender, PPNS, date-of-	will be anonymised rather than
	birth, qualifications, work	deleted unless it forms part of the
	experience); CVs and Personal	Competition File for transfer to the
	Statements for some	National Archives; **All application
	competitions; assessment details	forms are only retained for 3 years;
	and scores*; interview details and	National Archives Act 1986;
	scores*; assignment details*;	Business reasons;
	correspondence to candidates	Section 34 of the Public Service
	message board)	Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
Personality	Reports based on responses	2 years;
Questionnaires	provided by candidates	Business reasons;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
Verbal References (for	Record of all verbal references	3 months;
competitions with one	provided	Business reasons;
vacancy only)		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
Verbal References (for	Record of all verbal references	Lifetime of the panel for candidates
competitions with a	provided	on the panel and 3 months for
panel)		candidates not on the panel;
		Business reasons;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004

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	Record	Same
Hospital Consultant	Reports on Training and Relevant	Lifetime of the panel for candidates
Referee Report	Experience	on the panel and 3 months for
		candidates not on the panel;
		Business reasons;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
Special	Record of candidate name and	Records on candidates retained
Accommodations	number, details on disability for	indefinitely with the consent of
Documentation	which accommodations are	candidate;
	required, photocopy of original	Photocopies of Medical Reports
	medical reports, accommodations	retained for 3 years; candidates
	agreed, competitions applied for	will be reminded every three years
		that PAS is retaining this data and
		the candidate can request PAS
		delete this information at any
		stage;
		Business reasons;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
Scripts, Presentation	Candidate number/name,	Securely destroyed 6 months after
Exercises, Work	candidates own work on these	the last candidate is assigned from
Samples, other written	exercises	the panel;
assessments		Business reasons;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004

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	Record	Same
Assessors notes in	Candidate number/name,	Securely destroyed 6 months after
relation to Scripts, Work	assessors notes and comments	the last candidate is assigned from
Samples, other written	on these exercises	the panel; breakdown of scores
assessments		retained on the Competition File;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
Assessor notes from	Candidate number/name,	Securely destroyed 6 months after
presentation exercise	assessors notes & marks and	the last candidate is assigned from
	comments on these exercises	the panel; breakdown of scores
		retained on the Competition File;
		Business reasons;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004)
Testing Material for	Candidate name/number and	Securely destroyed 6 months after
Supervised Tests	signature	the last candidate is assigned from
including Signature Rolls		the panel;
and Confidentiality		Business reasons;
Agreements		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004)

Type of File / Record	What is included on File /	Retention Period and Reason for
	Record	Same
Website Registration /	Username, Candidate I.D., Title,	Information to be retained indefinitely.
Profile	*Name, *Postal Address,	Candidates have the option to delete
	*Country, *Phone Number(s),	their profile;
	*Email Address, Date-of-Birth,	Business reasons;
	Highest Qualification, Career	Section 34 of the Public Service
	Level, Disability;	Management (Recruitment and
	Accommodations at	Appointments Act 2004
	Exams/Interviews; Ethnic or	
	cultural background; Country of	
	Birth; Nationality; Language;	
	Caring Responsibilities; Sexual	
	Orientation; Job Alerts, Job	
	Category, Job Sub Category	
	*Mandatory	
Google Data Analytics	The name of the domain from	50 months; Business reasons; Section
used to help analyse how	which you access our site; the	34 of the Public Service Management
users use Publicjobs.ie.	date and time you access our	(Recruitment and Appointments Act
This analytical tool uses	site; the Internet address of the	2004
cookies to collect standard	website from which you linked	
internet log information	directly to our site.	
and visitor behaviour		
information in an		
anonymous form.		

Type of File/Record	What is included on	Retention Period and Reason for
	File/Record	Same
Psychometric Tests	Candidate name and number	Full data to be retained for as long as
	and candidate scores	campaign is active. Historical data to
		be anonymised and retained
		indefinitely. External Test Providers
		retain personal data for the period of
		time specified in the Data Processor
		Agreement which is not longer than the
		lifetime of the campaign;
		Business reasons; Section 34 of the
		Public Service Management
		(Recruitment and Appointments Act
		2004
Bespoke Tests	Candidate name and number;	Full data to be retained for as long as
	candidate responses and scores	campaign is active. Historical data to
		be anonymised and retained
		indefinitely. External Test Providers
		retain personal data for the period of
		time specified in the Data Processor
		Agreement which is not longer than the
		lifetime of the campaign;
		Business reasons; Section 34 of the
		Public Service Management
		(Recruitment and Appointments Act
		2004

Type of File/Record	What is included on	Retention Period and Reason for
	File/Record	Same
Testwise (PAS in-house testing	Candidate name and	Full data to be retained for as long as
system)	number; candidates'	campaign is active. Historical data to be
	responses to each	anonymised and retained indefinitely.
	question for some	Business reasons; Section 34 of the
	tests, candidates'	Public Service Management
	scores	(Recruitment and Appointments Act
		2004
Candidate Feedback	All requests for and	Securely destroyed one year after the
	responses to	panel is exhausted;
	candidates in relation	Business reasons;
	to assessment	Section 34 of the Public Service
	feedback	Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
Equality Monitoring Data	Information gathered at	Indefinite; business reasons;
	registration stage in	Candidate consent
	relation to specific	Employment Equality Legislation
	grounds from the	
	Equality legislation	
Irish Interview Results	Candidate and board	Indefinite – retained on relevant
	member's names;	Competition File;
	results/scores of Irish	Business reasons;
	Interview	National Archives Act 1986;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004

Type of File/Record	What is included on	Retention Period and Reason for
	File/Record	Same
Video Interview records	Candidate's video	12 months from the date of recording;
	interview	Business reasons;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
Remote Proctoring records	Record of candidate's	One year after the panel is exhausted;
	test sitting	Business reasons;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
Documentation collected from	Copies of Certificates	Destroy immediately once final board
candidates called to interview	and	report signed;
who are not successful at	identification	Business reasons;
interview	documentation;	Section 34 of the Public Service
	Garda vetting	Management (Recruitment and
	application;	Appointments Act 2004
	Health and Character	
	Declaration	
Board Member / Assessors /	Contact details (title,	Indefinite – Personal Information on
Invigilators Questionnaires and	name, phone	board members/assessors/invigilators
Details	number(s), email	will be retained indefinitely for current
	address; postal	interview board
	address); service on	members/assessors/invigilators.
	selection boards;	Reminders issued every two years of
	relevant training and	data held and that it can be deleted on
	experience where	request
	provided; CVs where	Business reasons
	provided.	
	For those who are paid	
	 bank account details, 	
	PPSN, tax credits and	
	record of all payments.	

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		balance; PMDS ratings;	
disciplinary or other		training records; live	
		disciplinary or other	
investigation related		investigation related	
documentation; merit		documentation; merit	
awards, next-of-kin		awards, next-of-kin	
information, education		information, education	
and qualifications		and qualifications	
records.		records.	

Type of File/Record	What is included on	Retention Period and Reason for
	File/Record	Same
Microfiche details for former staff	Name, address, contact	Indefinite for pensions purposes
	numbers, sick leave	
	record	
Staff Census Forms (Optional)	Disability status of staff	Three years
	on an annual basis –	Disability Act 2005
	self declaration	
Ethics in Public Office Returns	Returns received from	15 years
(Physical)	all relevant PAS staff /	Ethics in Public Office Legislation
	members of the PAS	
	Board	
Legal Files	Records of legal	Indefinite – Transfer to National
	problem and legal	Archives;
	advice sought and	National Archives Act 1986
	received	
Policy Files	Documentation in	Indefinite – Transfer to National
	relation to any policy	Archives;
	decisions made by PAS	National Archives Act 1986
	and any discussions	
	around those decisions	
Procurement Files (Physical)	As per Procurement	7 years
	Checklist on Intranet	
Finance Files (Physical)	Staff Salary Files	Indefinite for pension purposes
	Fees and Travel	7 years
	Expenses for Board	
	Members and Board of	
	PAS	
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	File/Record	Same
FOI (Physical)	FOI request and	1 year unless the case has gone to the
	request for review (if	Information Commissioner; Information
	appropriate);	Commissioner files/Legal Advice files
	acknowledgement(s),	retained indefinitely and transferred to
	response(s) from PAS,	National Archives (National Archives Act
	copies of all	1986)
	associated	
	documents; all	
	correspondence with	
	the Information	
	Commissioner	
Data Protection (Physical)	Subject access	3 years
	requests and	Business reasons
	responses	Data Protection Act 2018
		Data Protection Commissioner
		files/Legal Advice files retained
		indefinitely and transferred to National
		Archives (National Archives Act 1986)
Data Protection Policy	Final agreed policy; all	Indefinite; transfer to the National
(Physical/Electronic)	correspondence with	Archives after 30 years
	the Data Protection	National Archives Act 1986
	Commissioner; all	
	investigations into	
	data breaches	
Data Protection	Records of meetings,	3 years
Administration(Physical/Electronic)	draft documentation	Business reasons
		Data Protection Act 2018

Type of File/Record	What is included on	Retention Period and Reason for
	File/Record	Same
Complaints (Physical/electronic)	Request received;	3 years;
	acknowledgement;	Business reasons
	response from PAS; all	Section 34 of the Public Service
	associated research	Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
		Legal Advice files retained indefinitely
		and transferred to National Archives
		(National Archives Act 1986)
General Correspondence	Query and response	3 years
		Business reasons
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004)
Emails	All emails received and	Retained for three years;
	sent	Business Reasons;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
CCTV Footage	All footage captured on	30 days
	PAS CCTV	Security and Business Reasons
Executive Assessment Reports	Report of candidate's	3 months;
	executive assessment	Business Reasons;
	if called for final	Section 34 of the Public Service
	interview	Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004
Administrator Report Forms from	Notes on the testing	6 months where there are no related
Test Sessions	session and any issues	requests for a review; 3 years where
	raised	there is a related review;
		Section 34 of the Public Service
		Management (Recruitment and
		Appointments Act 2004