

# **Band Conductors (Direct Entry Technical Officer)**

## **Who we want**

Officers are the managers, decision makers and leaders of the Defence Forces. The Band Technical Officer is a specialist Officer and part of a small team which manages the Defence Forces School of Music.

The Defence Forces is looking for people who have, in addition to the appropriate musical qualifications:

- The ability to plan, prioritise and organise
- A reasonably high level of personal fitness
- Clear, concise and effective communication skills
- The ability to motivate others and work with a team

## **Professional Requirements**

- Possess a Bachelor of Music degree or equivalent qualification from a recognised university or third-level institution.
- A knowledge of conducting, musical arrangement or experience of woodwind, brass or percussion instruments would be an advantage.

## **How to join**

Band Conductor competitions are held as required and is the only way for potential candidates to join the Defence Forces to become a Band Technical Officer.

## **Application**

Potential candidates are required to complete an online application form through this website. The dates for the competition are advertised in the national newspapers and on this website with applications only being accepted on these dates. All correspondence with applicants will be done through email for the duration of the competition.

## **Interview**

Candidates who are deemed eligible will be asked to attend for an interview. Successful applicants will then be shortlisted for a second stage practical conducting assessment with a Defence Forces band.

## **Medical & Security Clearance**

The top scoring candidates following the second stage assessment will then be called to attend a full medical examination in St. Bricin's Military Hospital in Dublin. In conjunction with this all candidates will be security vetted by An Garda Síochána. Candidates will be required to pass both the medical examination and security vetting to be considered for induction.

## **Award of a Technical Officer Commission**

The candidate who finishes at the top of the competitions order of merit will then be offered a commission in the Defence Forces, as a Band Conductor (Technical Officer) in the rank of Captain.

## **Unit Assignment**

Technical Officers will be assigned to units according to the needs of the Defence Forces. Medical Units are based in the following locations

- Cathal Brugha Barracks, Dublin
- Collins Barracks, Cork
- Custume Barracks, Athlone