



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
Department of Foreign Affairs

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Applications for membership of Ireland's International Election Observation Roster

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Can applicants add additional rows to the 'Career' History to fully reflect their career history?**

Yes.

- 2. In which format should I submit my application?**

Please submit in Word format only. Please use font type Calibri, font size 11 and single spacing.

- 3. What role does 'Country of Residence' play in the selection process for Roster membership?**

None.

- 4. What role does 'Gender' play in the selection process for Roster membership?**

Information on an applicant's gender will not be made available to assessors.

- 5. What role does 'Age' play in the selection process for Roster membership?**

Information on an applicant's age will not be made available to assessors.

6. Is it planned to have two panels in being namely for Long Term Observers and Short Term Observers? How many places are available on both panels?

There will be one Roster. However, for example, if a Roster Member has *not* indicated an interest in being a long-term observer, but *has* indicated an interest in being a short-term observer, they will receive mission calls for short-term observers only.

7. Is it planned to have special subpanels for EU missions that are operated in the French, Spanish or Portuguese languages?

Roster members will be notified of calls for election observation missions, depending on their stated interest, i.e. whether they stated an interest in their application form in being considered for short-term or long-term missions, or both. These calls will set out the requirements of each mission. For example, if level C2 Portuguese is required for a particular mission, is expected that only those Roster members who have this will apply for that mission.

8. For missions that will be operated through English whether extra marks will be awarded to French, Spanish or Portuguese speakers and if so why?

When considering Roster members for nomination to missions where fluency in English is the only language requirement, extra marks will not be awarded for other language skills.

9. Who will assess the applications for membership of the Roster?

Further information will be made available to applicants after 12 August, the revised deadline for submission of applications.

10. Will applications for Roster membership will be assessed anonymously?

Yes.

11. When is it expected that the applicants for Roster membership will be notified of the outcome?

This will depend on the volume of applications but it is likely that decisions will be communicated before the end of October 2023.

12. What documentation is appropriate to include alongside my application?

Please only submit:

1. Official identification: A copy of your passport (only the identity page is required);
2. Certificate (or equivalent) of language qualifications (if relevant).

13. Will negative marking be in operation?

No.