

The Judicial Appointments Commission launches the selection process for Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)

One CJEU reasonably anticipated vacancy advertised on www.judicialappointments.ie

The Judicial Appointments Commission has received a request from the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in accordance with the provisions of the Judicial Appointments Commission Act 2023 that the Commission recommend candidates to permit the Government to nominate a person for the position of Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) for one reasonably anticipated vacancy.

Accordingly, the Commission intends to hold a selection process in order to identify suitable candidates to recommend for nomination by the Government in accordance with Article 253 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU).

The application process is now open for Judge of the CJEU.

The closing date for applications and references is 5pm on Monday 31st August 2026.

Applicants must register, complete and submit their application through the online portal which can be accessed from the Commission's website at www.judicialappointments.ie/Vacancies

Applicants are encouraged to contact their referees as early as possible in the process to allow referees to have sufficient time to complete and submit the reference.

A referee can submit their reference any time from Thursday 16th July until 5pm on Monday 31st August 2026. A referee does not have to wait until an applicant has completed their application to submit their reference.

The Reference Form and Guidance on References are available on www.judicialappointments.ie/Documentation

Please note that applications and references must be submitted by the **closing date of Monday 31st August 2026**. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that references are submitted on time.

Further details, including the online portal for the selection process for the position of judge of the CJEU, are available on www.judicialappointments.ie

Further Information:

Section 57 of the Act outlines a process by which the Commission must adopt a judicial selection statement which includes a statement of selection procedures and a statement of requisite knowledge, skills and attributes. This process entails an extensive period of time for the different stages to be completed prior to the finalisation of the judicial selection statement.

Section 60 of the Act provides for a transitional arrangement whereby the Commission may proceed with a selection process in advance of the adoption of a judicial selection statement. The Commission will conduct the selection process under the transitional arrangement until such time as the judicial selection statement is finalised. The transitional arrangement will be in accordance to procedures and criteria determined by the Commission and which are consistent with the components of the judicial selection scheme contained in sections 58-59 of the Act.

The provisional procedures and provisional criteria adopted by the Commission on an interim basis as a transitional arrangement are provided for in two documents.

The two documents are the provisional Indicative Statement of Selection Procedure and the provisional Indicative Statement of Requisite Knowledge, Skills and Attributes. These documents are available on www.judicialappointments.ie
