

The Judicial Appointments Commission launches the selection process for the Office of Judge of the High Court 2025

Two High Court vacancies 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 **up to five persons** to permit the Government to appoint **two** persons to the Office of Judge of the High Court for one existing vacancy and one reasonably anticipated vacancy.

Accordingly, the Application Process is now open.

The closing date for applications and reference(s) is 5pm on Thursday 6th November 2025.

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 referee(s) as early as possible in the process to allow referees to have sufficient time to complete and submit the reference.

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

Please note that applications and reference(s) must be submitted by the **closing date of Thursday 6th November 2025.**

It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure that references are submitted on time.

Further details, including the online portal for the selection process for the Office of Judge of the High Court, 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
