

Career Obstacles

Look at these two job advertisements.

Job 1

<p>EXPERIENCED BAR STAFF WANTED FOR BUSY CITY CENTRE HOTEL</p> <p>IMMEDIATE START EXCELLENT WAGES CONTACT: info@gorman.com</p>
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Job 2

<p>QUALIFIED ELECTRICIANS WANTED FOR CONTRACT WORK DUBLIN AREA</p> <p>IMMEDIATE START HIGHEST RATES PAID CONTACT: info@gorman.com</p>

Which of these two jobs would be easiest to get? _____

Why is there a problem with one of them? _____

Class Discussion

People who qualify in some professions and trades find that they cannot work here in Ireland with their particular qualification.

The following list shows some of the careers that you **cannot** take up in Ireland without acquiring an Irish qualification.

electrician

medical doctor

driver

dentist

teacher

nurse

engineer

physiotherapist

lawyer

veterinary surgeon

architect

Can you add any more to this list?

Discussion topics

- If a person has qualifications in one of these professions what should he or she do?
- Should he or she forget about their previous position and train for something else?
- What personal difficulties would a person in this situation encounter?

What are the main barriers to getting work in these professions?

- Language
- Money
- Lack of contacts
- Lack of re-training opportunities
- Duration/length of training courses/study
- Family commitments
- Translation of certificates/diplomas/degrees
- Overseas qualification

Who can give help and advice?

Professional bodies/Professional Institutes

See examples below

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

Law Society of Ireland

Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists

Nursing Board (An Bord Altranais)

Society of Chartered Surveyors

Institute of Chemistry of Ireland

Institution of Engineers of Ireland

Chartered Association of Certified Accountants

National Social Work Qualifications Board (NSWQB)

Irish Medical Council

Trade Associations and Trade Unions

See examples below

Association of Electrical Contractors (Irl)

Marine, Port and General Worker's Union

Irish Nurses Organisation

Building and Allies Trades union

FÁS

FÁS is Ireland's national training and employment authority. We aim to promote a more competitive and inclusive knowledge-based economy, in collaboration with our stakeholders, by enhancing the skills and capabilities of individuals and enterprises.

Source www.fas.ie

Vocabulary Study

Look up the words in the box

competitive	authority	inclusive	collaboration
enhancing	capabilities	individuals	enterprises

Universities/Institutes of Technology

University College Dublin (UCD), University College Cork (UCC), Maynooth University, University College Galway (UCG), all under the National University of Ireland (NUI)
 Dublin City University
 Trinity College Dublin
 University of Limerick (UL)

DIT (Dublin Institute of Technology)

Institutes also in the following towns/cities
 Athlone, Blanchardstown, Carlow, Cork, Dundalk, Limerick, Tallaght, Tralee, Sligo, Letterkenny, Waterford and many more

Qualifications Recognition - Ireland

What is Qualifications Recognition - Ireland?

The National Qualifications Authority of Ireland, known as Qualifications Recognition – Ireland, is the Irish centre for the recognition of international awards.

The National Qualification Authority will verify degrees, diplomas etc. from overseas countries on receipt of photocopies of the originals and a full translation into English.

People wishing to avail of this service should look up their website

(www.qualificationsrecognition.ie) for more information.

Read the extract from Qualifications Recognition – Ireland’s website

(www.qualificationsrecognition.ie) and answer the questions on the next page.

I hold a foreign qualification which I wish to have recognised in Ireland

If you hold an international award, you may wish to have it recognised in Ireland in order to continue with your education in Ireland or to gain employment in the State.

The Authority facilitates the process of the recognition of international awards in Ireland. In order to have your award evaluated, you must complete an application form and submit documentation relating to the award.

In order to submit your award for evaluation, please proceed as follows:

1. Read the fact sheet which will give you some information regarding the recognition procedure
2. Complete the Application for Recognition of an International Award
3. Once you have completed the form and attached all relevant documents, please post to

**Qualifications Recognition - Ireland,
The National Qualifications Authority of Ireland,
5th Floor Jervis House,
Jervis Street,
Dublin 1,
Ireland.**

1. Who does this service assist?

2. When would a person need this service?

3. What do you need to provide to Qualifications Recognition - Ireland to avail of this service?
