

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000118-2023 Request Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states that An Garda Síochána is listed as a partially included agency "*insofar as it relates to administrative records relating to human resources, or finance or procurement matters*". Therefore, only administrative records that relate to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered.

Your request sought:

*I am seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following topics.*

*Expert Allowance:*

- *Amount paid per annum to a recipient*
- *Qualifying conditions to be eligible to receive the allowance*
- *Is allowance available to new recipients*

*Analyst (Garda) Allowance:*

- *Amount paid per annum to a recipient*
- *Qualifying conditions to be eligible to receive the allowance*
- *Is allowance available to new recipients*

*Clerical / Temp Clerical Allowance:*

- *Amount paid per annum to a recipient*
- *Qualifying conditions to be eligible to receive the allowance*
- *Is allowance available to new recipients*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

## **1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision**

Upon receipt your request was forwarded to the relevant Section of An Garda Síochána who have provided records to this office in respect of the current rates payable, qualifying conditions and availability to new recipients. The requested information is as follows:

### **Expert Allowance**

- Amount paid per annum to a recipient:

- a) *On appointment – €3,180.20 p.a.*
- b) *After 3 years – €4,665.305 p.a.*
- c) *After 5 years – €5,933.90 p.a.*

- Qualifying conditions to be eligible to receive the allowance:

*An experience related allowance payable respectively to members with relevant expert qualifications (Technical Bureau) which are increased by increments (see above)*

- Is allowance available to new recipients:

*Yes*

### **Analyst (Garda) Allowance**

- Amount paid per annum to a recipient:

*€8,881.37 p.a.*

- Qualifying conditions to be eligible to receive the allowance:

*On appointment, Garda members must hold a primary degree, hold an appropriate master's degree or they must undertake a course of study leading to an appropriate master's degree (appropriate master's degree to be nominated by Garda management) in order to qualify as an analyst and qualify for analyst allowance.*

- Is allowance available to new recipients:

*No (Allowance abolished for new beneficiaries, as per Government decision on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012)*

### **Clerical/Temp Clerical Allowance**

- Amount paid per annum to a recipient:

*€5,447.89 p.a.*

- Qualifying conditions to be eligible to receive the allowance:

*Clerical Allowance/Designated Post Allowance is related to Sworn Members occupied 'civilian' posts. Designated posts, by their nature, are those administrative posts which are filled by Members of An Garda Síochána, subject to the operational requirement of the organisation. These posts are reviewed on an annual basis by Garda H.R.M.*

- Is allowance available to new recipients:

*No (Allowance abolished for new beneficiaries, as per Government decision on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012)*

## **2. Right of Appeal**

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you may seek an Internal Review of the matter by writing to the address below and quoting reference number **FOI-000118-2023**.

***Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath C15 ND62***

Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 for a Medical Card holder). Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, and made payable to Accountant, Garda Finance Directorate, Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8.

Payment can be made by electronic means, using the following details:

**Account Name:** An Garda Síochána Imprest Account  
**Account Number:** 30000302  
**Sort Code:** 951599  
**IBAN:** IE28DABA95159930000302  
**BIC:** DABAIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000118-2023) is included in the payment details.**

You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

Please be advised that An Garda Síochána replies under Freedom of Information may be released in to the public domain via our website at [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**PAUL BASSETT**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

14<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2023.