

Recruitment of Census Enumerators to Open on 5th January

Census 2016 takes place on Sunday, 24th April

Sunday, 13 December 2015: The Central Statistics Office has today announced that the application process for census enumerators will open on 5th January at 9.00am. Census 2016 takes place on Sunday, 24th April and a total of 4,660 enumerators will be recruited to deliver and collect more than 2.3 million forms across a ten week period.

Applications will be taken online between Tuesday 5th and Friday 8th January or when the number of applicants reaches 15,000.

CSO Director General Pdraig Dalton explained how important the role of the enumerator is: “The census provides invaluable information on a range of topics and is used by every government department and local authority in the country. Census data feeds into the planning stages of most aspects of Irish life, such as schools, train lines and childcare facilities. It is the CSO’s largest and most challenging statistical undertaking and simply could not be completed without the diligence of the enumerators”.

According to **Deirdre Cullen, Head Statistician at the CSO**, “Demand for these posts is always incredibly high. If you are interested in becoming a census enumerator, you are strongly advised to apply early. Applications will be taken on census.ie from Tuesday 5 January. ”.

David Levy was an enumerator in Co Cork in 2011. He said: “Working as an enumerator in 2011 was as rewarding an experience as I have had in employment. I take great satisfaction in knowing I had a small part to play in charting important social and economic changes in this country.

Enumerators are paid a fixed fee for the delivery and collection of census forms in their area along with fixed allowances for training, home storage, Sunday working, terminal bonus and travel. Enumerators will earn approximately €2,400 for the ten week period. All enumerators are required to be signed up as Officers of Statistics which forbids them from divulging any information obtained as part of their official duties.

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Census listicle – ten facts about the Census

1. The next census will take place on the night of Sunday 24th April 2016.
2. The last census was held on Sunday 10th April 2011.
3. Census 2011 told us that the population of Ireland on that night was 4,588,252 persons.
4. Census 2016 will be the 26th census taken in Ireland.
5. More than 2.3 million census forms have been printed by the Central Statistics Office.
6. 4,660 enumerators will be recruited. Each will earn approximately €2,400.
7. The census forms will be delivered between 21st March and 24th April.
8. For census purposes, the country is divided into 44 designated 'regions' each comprising 10 'field districts'.
9. The census form contains 30 questions.
10. The first results from Census 2016 will be published about 12 weeks after the field operation ends.