



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the following post:

CALL FOR RETAINED/ PART-TIME FIRE FIGHTERS: PORTUMNA

- 1) A recruit Firefighter shall be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.
- 2) A recruit Firefighter must have attained a satisfactory level of education to enable them to perform satisfactorily as a Firefighter and to successfully undergo the appropriate training.
- 3) A recruit Firefighter shall possess a valid full current Category B Driving Licence at the time of applying for the post.
- 4) A recruit Firefighter must live and work within a maximum of 8 minutes travel time from the assigned Retained Fire Station, to allow them to respond for the duration of their employment as a Firefighter.
- 5) Firefighters are required to be available and attend alerts 24 weeks in the year on a rostered-on/flexible basis.

A Firefighter receives an annual retainer fee in line with length of service:

Retained Fire Fighter	01/02/2026 pay scales	
Months of service	Duration on Point	Salary
On appointment-12 months	1 year	€16,852
12–48 months	3 years	€17,864
48–84 months	3 years	€19,112
84+ months	Until cessation	€20,251

Additionally, Firefighters will be paid for attendance at fires at the following rates:

Basic Hourly Rate (Drill Rate)	Standard Attendance Rates		Premium Attendance Rates	
	1st Hour	Subsequent Hours	1st Hour	Subsequent Hours
€26.04	€52.08	€26.04	€104.16	€52.08

Other attendance remuneration includes:

Hourly Attendance at Drills (Double Drill Rate)	€52.08
Community Fire Safety Annual Payment (40 hours at Basic Rate Annually)	€40.06
Community Fire Safety Payment - Hourly	€26.04

Promotional opportunities may arise in the Retained Fire Service with opportunities for higher retainer fees. Application forms and further details of this post are available on our website at www.galway.ie or may be obtained by contacting the Human Resources Department, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway – Tel; 091 509 303, e-mail hr@galwaycoco.ie.

Prior to interview, candidates will be required to undergo a work-related suitability test, this includes a number of physical and aptitude tests. Successful candidates will then be brought forward to interview.

Candidates who apply under the **Rolling Call** process will be contacted to confirm if they are still interested in the post.

E. Ruane, Director of Services.

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