



**Title:** Regulatory Insights Lead Grade 6 (Senior Staff Officer)  
**Employer:** The Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority  
**Salary Scale:** €56,754 (Entry Level) to €69,337  
**Level:** Grade 6 (Senior Staff Officer)  
**Location:** Up to 60% Remote Working Available  
**Closing date:** 04 July 2025 at 12 noon

## AHBRA BACKGROUND

The Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority (AHBRA), established in February 2021, plays a crucial role in ensuring the effective governance, financial management, and performance of all voluntary and co-operative housing bodies. This oversight is in line with the Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Act 2019.

AHBRA's mission is to regulate Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) to bolster governance and financial stability within the sector. This is particularly important for safeguarding the substantial public investment in social housing provided by AHBs. By doing so, AHBRA offers reassurance to investors, tenants, the government, and the AHB sector itself, ensuring that social housing providers operate within a well-regulated and stable environment. To this end, AHBRA have established Standards with a set of outcomes that AHBs are required to achieve across Governance, Financial Management, Property & Asset Management and Tenancy Management.

## JOB SPECIFICATION

AHBRA invites applications for a Regulatory Insights Lead within the AHB regulator. In particular, we would welcome applications from individuals with experience of working in the areas of finance, housing, governance, property management, tenant management or data analysis.

Our office is located in Dublin City Centre and provides the opportunity to work remotely up to 3 days per week.

The Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority (AHBRA) is the independent regulator of AHBs in Ireland. It safeguards and oversees the effective governance, financial, property and tenancy management of 437 AHBs.

As a Regulatory Insights Lead you will be able to contribute to a wide range of work with social landlords including assessing risk, obtaining assurance and shaping proportionate regulatory engagement strategies with AHBs, to ensure they can deliver in the areas of governance, financial management and performance.



You will work with a Regulatory Team to oversee a portfolio of AHBs. You will also have the opportunity to work with colleagues across the regulator to contribute to the development of our regulatory framework, policy and guidance.

## **KEY DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The duties and responsibilities of the successful candidate will include the following:

- Critically assess information received from AHBs through AHBRA's regulatory processes and propose appropriate, risk-based regulatory responses.
- Analyse, assess, report and present on key AHB performance data and information.
- Contribute effectively to the delivery and co-ordination of regulatory oversight programme.
- Contribute effectively to the risk evaluation, monitoring and assessment of AHBs including appraisal of how organisations perform against the Standards for AHBs.
- Manage stakeholder relationships, including conducting meetings with AHBs.
- Complete quality assurance work relating to the regulatory framework.
- Lead on and contribute to AHBRA publications, including the development of guidance and advice for AHBs.
- Lead on and contribute to projects and assignments to support delivery of AHBRA's regulatory objectives.
- Develop and implement policy and procedures.
- Any other duties as directed from time to time.
- Contributing to the development of staff within the regulatory teams.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Candidates must meet the following essential requirements prior to their appointment:

- A degree (Level 7 of NFQ) or equivalent experience in a relevant field such as finance, regulation, compliance, legal, governance, housing, risk management, charitable sector or assurance disciplines would be advantageous.

## **DESIRABLE CRITERIA**

- Analytical skills with ability to interrogate data and management information to identify patterns, draw out key themes and findings to support decisions.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.



- Experience of data analysis and evaluation.
- Experience of communicating effectively with both internal and external stakeholders.
- Experience of managing conflicting demands and responding to tight deadlines where required.
- A professional qualification or part qualification in accounting would be an advantage.

## **KEY COMPETENCIES FOR EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE AT THIS GRADE**

Applicants must demonstrate, by reference to specific achievements in their career to date, that they possess the following qualities, skills and knowledge required for the role of Regulatory Leader.

### **Interpersonal & Communication Skills**

- Develops and maintains positive, productive and beneficial working relationships.
- Presents information clearly, concisely and confidently when speaking and in writing.

### **Delivery of Results**

- Able to plan and prioritise work effectively while proactively identifying areas for improvement and developing practical suggestions for their implementation.

### **Analysis & Decision Making**

Able to assess information regarding a problem, analyse the information and propose a solution.

### **Specialist Knowledge**

- High level of competency and experience in at least one of the following sectors: Finance, Governance, Legal, Compliance, Assurance or Regulation.

## **PAY SCALE**

Grade 6 (Senior Staff Officer) – Local Authority Scale (Personal Pension Contribution) as of 1 March 2025



56,754 – 58,108 – 59,758 – 62,862 – 64,716 – LSI 67,020<sup>1</sup> – LSI 2 69,337<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> After 3 years satisfactory service at the maximum.

<sup>2</sup> After 6 years satisfactory service at the maximum.

### **Important Note**

New entrants will be appointed on the first point of the scale in line with government policy. Different terms and conditions may apply if immediately before appointment, the successful candidate is a currently serving civil/public servant.

### **Eligibility to compete**

Eligible candidates must be:

- a) A citizen of the European Economic Area. The EEA consists of the Member States of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway; or
- b) A citizen of the United Kingdom (UK); or
- c) A citizen of Switzerland pursuant to the agreement between the EU and Switzerland on the free movement of persons; or
- d) A non-EEA citizen who has a stamp 4 visa: or
- e) A person awarded international protection under the International Protection Act 2015, or any family member entitled to remain in the State as a result of family reunification and has a stamp 4 visa; or
- f) A non-EEA citizen who is a parent of a dependent child who is a citizen of, and resident in, an EEA member state or Switzerland and has a stamp 4 visa

### **BLENDED WORKING**

AHBRA is committed to excellence in the delivery of our broad range of services and to the quality of our customer service. In this context, AHBRA have implemented a blended working policy while maintaining our commitment to the delivery of the highest standard of services. All employees are entitled to apply for blended working of up to 40% remote working in the probationary period and 60% once probation is successfully completed.

### **HOURS OF ATTENDANCE**

The standard business hours for AHBRA are 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.



## ANNUAL LEAVE

The annual leave for this role is 23 days increasing over time depending on service. This is based on a five-day week and is exclusive of statutory public holidays.

**Reckoning of Prior Service in the Civil Service on Appointment or Promotion to a New Post.** Serving officers appointed or promoted to a new post may retain their existing annual leave allowance if it is greater than the allowance which would otherwise apply. This is subject, however, to the maximum allowance applicable to the new post not being exceeded

## OTHER BENEFITS OF WORKING FOR AHBRA

- A permanent pensionable position
- Flexible working hours within defined limits
- Personal development opportunities through employer sponsored academic education, paid study leave and in-house training and development programmes
- Dynamic and interactive work environment
- Career progression opportunities
- Facilitation of Tax Saver travel tickets and Bike to Work Scheme
- Bike parking onsite
- Modern city centre office, located near Merrion Square, Dublin 2, which is easily accessible by DART, and many bus routes

## SUPERANNUATION, RETIREMENT & PRIOR PUBLIC SERVANTS

The minimum age at which pension is payable is 66 (rising to 67 and 68) in line with State Pension age changes.

**Retirement Age:** will be determined in accordance with the relevant government departmental circulars.



## THE SELECTION PROCESS

### How to Apply

Complete the application form in full and submit via the online application portal [Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority \(ahbrajobs.com\)](https://ahbrajobs.com) by **04 July 2025 at 12 noon**.

AHBRA's recruitment and application programme is supported by Sigmar Ltd.

Canvassing by or on behalf of the applicant will automatically disqualify. Any queries should be directed to [ahbrajobs@sigmar.ie](mailto:ahbrajobs@sigmar.ie).

### The Selection Process may include the following

- Aptitude testing
- Technical Knowledge or skills-based exercise
- Shortlisting of candidates based on the information contained in their application form
- Initial/preliminary interview
- Presentation or other exercises
- A final competitive interview
- Any other tests or exercises that may be deemed appropriate

In addition, a successful candidate must be passed medically fit to take up the appointment.

AHBRA will conduct a short-listing process. This process will select a number of candidates for interview who, based on an examination of the application forms appear to be the most suitable for the position. An expert board will examine the application forms against a pre-determined criteria based on the requirements of the position. This is not to suggest that other candidates are necessarily unsuitable or incapable of undertaking the job, rather that there are some candidates, who based on their application form, appear to be better qualified and/or have more relevant experience. It is therefore in your own interest to provide a detailed and accurate account of your qualifications/experience on the application form.

If a person to whom an offer is made, declines, or having accepted the position relinquishes it, or if any additional vacancy arises, AHBRA may, at its discretion, consider applicants from this process for appointment to any other comparative vacancy within a twelve-month period.

AHBRA is committed to a policy of equal opportunity.



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If you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your application within 24 hours of applying, please contact [ahbrajobs@sigmar.ie](mailto:ahbrajobs@sigmar.ie). Campaign updates will be issued to your registered email address as entered on the online application portal.

You are advised to check your emails on a regular basis throughout the duration of the competition; in addition, being sure to check junk/spam folders should any emails be mistakenly filtered.

## DATA PROTECTION ACTS, 1988, 2003 AND 2018

Sigmar Recruitment Ltd., in their capacity as Data Processor provide recruitment services on behalf of The Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority (AHBRA), Data Controller. Sigmar create a record in your name, which contains personal information you have supplied. This record is used solely to consider and assess your candidature, and should you be successful, your personal data will be forwarded to AHBRA. Personal data processed is subject to the rights and obligations set out in the Data Protection Acts 1988-2013 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Under the GDPR, data subjects whose data is processed by AHBRA are entitled to exercise certain rights against their personal data. You may request to exercise any of these rights, free of charge by contacting the DPO at [dpo@ahbregulator.ie](mailto:dpo@ahbregulator.ie). For further information on how the AHBRA process personal data, please see our Privacy Statement: <https://www.ahbregulator.ie/legal-compliance/privacy-statement/>

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of a Data Protection request you make with AHBRA, or you believe AHBRA is falling short of its data protection obligations, please contact the AHBRA DPO.

Please note you also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Commissioner: <https://forms.dataprotection.ie/contact>.