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# Senior Infrastructure Architect (Platform) (£54,857 - £80,400)

Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency

**Apply before 11:55 pm on Tuesday 18th February 2025**



**Reference number**

388540

**Salary**

£54,857

plus an additional allowance up to £25,543

A Civil Service Pension with an employer contribution of 28.97%

**Job grade**

Grade 7

**Contract type**

Permanent

**Business area**

DVSA - Strategy Planning and Performance

**Type of role**

Digital

**Working pattern**

Flexible working, Full-time, Job share, Part-time

**Number of jobs available**

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## Location

Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Nottingham, Oldham, Swansea

## About the job

### Job summary

As a Senior Technical Architect, you will play a pivotal role in shaping the architectural vision and strategy both for future projects and day to day operations. You will lead the design, development, and implementation of high-quality technical solutions that meet both functional and non-functional requirements. Your expertise will guide the technical direction of projects, ensuring scalability, performance, and security.

There's never been a better time to join the DVSA.

Our **Digital-first vision** is supported by a clear strategy which allows our staff to develop and grow. Click to find out more about the award-winning services we work on and what's on offer for you, helping drive your career forward.

### Job description

This role will be within the platform team and the key area of responsibility will be the Azure Infrastructure that supports our Microsoft power platform and Microsoft Dynamics 365 environments. This role will therefore require experience within these technologies and within a technical Dev Ops role. Currently this workload is outsourced, and we will be looking for the new role holder to work as part of the platform team alongside another Senior technical Architect define the team with the aim to look at opportunities to insource

- Develop, secure and improve the current Dynamics and Power Platform Infrastructure.

- Conduct Infrastructure reviews and ensure adherence to best practices and standards.

Evaluate and recommend new technologies and tools to enhance existing systems.

Develop and maintain architectural documentation.

Lead the troubleshooting and resolution of complex technical issues.

For further information please see the attached Role Profile.

## **Additional Information**

This role can be based in Bristol, Swansea, Nottingham, Newcastle, Oldham, Leeds or Birmingham, your presence at one of these locations will form part of the working arrangements agreed with you. We operate a hybrid working model giving you greater flexibility about where and when you work. Our expectation is that you will spend a minimum 60% of your time at your base location. Visits to other DVSA sites or work locations count towards this.

## **Government Digital and Data Profession Pay Framework**

This role is part of the [Government Digital and Data profession](#) and utilises an enhanced Capability Based Pay Framework which provides access to a Digital and Data allowance.

The base pay is £54,857. In addition to this, the role includes a Digital and Data allowance of up to £25,543.

The value of allowance awarded will be based on an assessment of your skills and experience as demonstrated through the selection process.

[Here are more details on the pay framework.](#)

## **Person specification**

We are looking for individuals who have:

Strong understanding of architectural patterns, design principles, and best practices.

Good understanding of Power Platform and Dynamics 365 Infrastructure.

Proven experience of working with DevOps Pipelines, Azure DevOps and automated deployment.

Strong communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to collaborate effectively with cross-functional teams.

Proven track record of delivering successful technical projects and solutions.

Experience in managing technical teams.

There may be an element of travel associated with this role to other DVSA offices, with some infrequent overnight stays.

Please take note that DVSA does not hold a UK Visa & Immigration (UKVI) Skilled Worker License sponsor and are unable to sponsor any individuals for Skilled Worker Sponsorship.

## **About Us**

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) helps keep Britain moving, safely and sustainably.

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We do this by helping people through a lifetime of safe and sustainable journeys, helping them keep their vehicles safe to drive, and protecting them from unsafe drivers and vehicles.

We're working hard to:

Make roads safer.

Improve services for our customers.

Make road transport greener and healthier.

Harness the potential of technology and data.

Grow and level up the economy.

We're committed to giving all our colleagues purpose, professionalism and pride in what we do. We work in supportive, diverse and inclusive teams where everyone is valued. You can grow, develop and progress, and make a real difference to society.

We pride ourselves as being an employer of choice and welcome and encourage applications from everyone, such as ethnic minorities, women, disabled people and those who identify as LGBT+.

To find out more about how we champion diversity and inclusion in the workplace and making DVSA a great place to work [visit our Careers website](#).

## **Behaviours**

We'll assess you against these behaviours during the selection process:

Seeing the Big Picture

Communicating and Influencing

Leadership

## **Technical skills**

We'll assess you against these technical skills during the selection process:

[Lead Technical Architect - Strategy Design \(Skill level: Working\)](#)

[Lead Technical Architect - Architect for the whole context \(Skill level: Working\)](#)

[Lead Technical Architect - Architecture Communication \(Skill level: Practitioner\)](#)

[Lead Technical Architect - Technical design throughout the life cycle \(Skill level: Practitioner\)](#)

## **Benefits**

Alongside your salary of £54,857, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency contributes £15,892 towards you being a member of the Civil Service Defined Benefit Pension scheme. [Find out what benefits a Civil Service Pension provides](#).

An environment with flexible working options where we encourage a great work-life balance.

Exceptional pension with an employer contribution of 28.97%.

Generous Annual Leave - 25 days holiday, increasing by 1 each year of service, up to 30.

8 Bank Holidays plus an additional Privilege Day to mark the King's birthday.

Latest IT and Tech devices.

A culture encouraging inclusion and diversity with a range of staff communities to support all our colleagues.

Excellent learning and development tailored to your role including paid apprenticeships up to Masters level.

Wide range of discounts schemes on high street names.

Employee assistance program for health and wellbeing.

Cycle to work scheme and Gym membership offers.

For more information see [visit our careers page](#).

## Things you need to know

### Selection process details

This vacancy is using [Success Profiles \(opens in a new window\)](#), and will assess your Behaviours, Experience and Technical skills.

### How to Apply

As part of the application process, you will be asked to complete a CV and Personal Statement. Further details around what this will entail are listed on the application form.

Please structure your Personal Statement (1000 words) to provide detailed evidence of each of the following:

An understanding of Microsoft Power Platform and Microsoft Dynamics 365 Infrastructure.

Experience working in a DevOps environment with experience in using pipelines to deliver solutions.

Experience with cloud platforms, ideally Microsoft Azure

Proven track record of delivering successful technical projects and solutions.

## **Sift & Interview Dates**

The sift is due to take place from 19th February 2025.

Interviews are likely to be held from 5th March 2025.

This interview will be conducted via a video interview, details of which will be provided to you should you be selected for interview.

We will try to meet the dates set out in the advert. There may be occasions when these dates will change. You will be provided with sufficient notice of the confirmed dates.

The selection process will be designed specifically for the role. As a result, your assessment will include:

- An interview.

- A presentation / assessment.

You're encouraged to become familiar with the Role Profile attached, as you may be assessed against any of the criteria recorded within.

The Department for Transport recruits using Success Profiles. For each role, we consider what you need to demonstrate to be successful.

This gives us the best possible chance of finding the right person for the job, drives up performance and improves diversity and inclusivity.

You can read more about Success Profiles [here](#).

## **Reasonable Adjustments**

As a Disability Confident Leader employer, we are committed to ensuring that the recruitment process is fair, accessible and allows all candidates to perform at their best. If a person with a visible or non-visible disability is substantially disadvantaged, we have a duty to make reasonable changes to our processes.



Complete the Assistance required section in the Additional requirements page of your application form to tell us what changes or help you might need during the recruitment process. For instance, you may need wheelchair access at an interview, or if you're deaf, a Language Service Professional.

If you need a reasonable adjustment so that you can complete your application, you should contact Government Recruitment Service via [dftrecruitment.grs@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:dftrecruitment.grs@cabinetoffice.gov.uk) as soon as possible before the closing date to discuss your needs.

### **Document Accessibility**

If you are experiencing accessibility problems with any attachments on this advert, please contact the email address in the 'Contact point for applicants' section.

This job advert contains links to the [DfT Careers website](#). Our website provides useful guidance and information that can support you during the application process. If you cannot access the information on our website for any reason, please email [DRGComms@dft.gov.uk](mailto:DRGComms@dft.gov.uk) for assistance.

### **Further Information**

For more information about how we hire, and for useful tips on submitting your application for this role, visit the [How We Hire](#) page of our DfT Careers website. You can find detailed information about the recruitment process and what to expect when applying for a role.

### **Pre-employment Checking**

Applicants who are successful at interview will be, as part of pre-employment screening, subject to a check on the Internal Fraud Database (IFD). This check will provide information about employees who have been dismissed for fraud or dishonesty offences. This check also applies to employees who resign or otherwise leave before being dismissed for fraud or dishonesty had their employment continued. Any applicant's details held on the IFD will be refused employment.

A candidate is not eligible to apply for a role within the Civil Service if the application is made within a 5-year period following a dismissal for carrying out internal fraud against government.

Feedback will only be provided if you attend an interview or assessment.

## **Security**

Successful candidates must undergo a criminal record check.

People working with government assets must complete [baseline personnel security standard \(opens in new window\)](#) checks.

## **Nationality requirements**

This job is broadly open to the following groups:

UK nationals

nationals of the Republic of Ireland

nationals of Commonwealth countries who have the right to work in the UK

nationals of the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein and family members of those nationalities with settled or pre-settled status under the [European Union Settlement Scheme \(EUSS\) \(opens in a new window\)](#)

nationals of the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein and family members of those nationalities who have made a valid application for settled or pre-settled status under the European Union Settlement Scheme (EUSS)

individuals with limited leave to remain or indefinite leave to remain who were eligible to apply for EUSS on or before 31 December 2020

Turkish nationals, and certain family members of Turkish nationals, who have accrued the right to work in the Civil Service

[Further information on nationality requirements \(opens in a new window\)](#)

## **Working for the Civil Service**

The [Civil Service Code \(opens in a new window\)](#) sets out the standards of behaviour expected of civil servants.

We recruit by merit on the basis of fair and open competition, as outlined in the Civil Service Commission's [recruitment principles \(opens in a new window\)](#).

The Civil Service embraces diversity and promotes equal opportunities. As such, we run a Disability Confident Scheme (DCS) for candidates with disabilities who meet the minimum selection criteria.

The Civil Service also offers a Redeployment Interview Scheme to civil servants who are at risk of redundancy, and who meet the minimum requirements for the advertised vacancy.

## **Diversity and Inclusion**

The Civil Service is committed to attract, retain and invest in talent wherever it is found. To learn more please see the [Civil Service People Plan \(opens in a new window\)](#) and the [Civil Service Diversity and Inclusion Strategy \(opens in a new window\)](#).

## **Apply and further information**

This vacancy is part of the [Great Place to Work for Veterans \(opens in a new window\)](#) initiative.

The Civil Service welcomes applications from people who have recently left prison or have an unspent conviction. [Read more about prison leaver recruitment \(opens in new window\)](#).

Once this job has closed, the job advert will no longer be available. You may want to save a copy for your records.

## **Contact point for applicants**

Job contact :

Name : Digital Resourcing Team

Email : DigitalResourcing@dft.gov.uk

Recruitment team

Email : dftrecruitment.grs@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

### **Further information**

If you feel your application has not been treated in accordance with the Recruitment Principles and you wish to make a complaint, in the first instance, you should contact Government Recruitment Services via email: [dftrecruitment.grs@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:dftrecruitment.grs@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

If you are not satisfied with the response you receive from the Department, you can contact the Civil Service Commission: Visit the Civil Service Commission website [Here](#)

