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Lead Technical Architect (£54,857 - £80,400)

Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency

Apply before 11:55 pm on Monday 27th January 2025



Reference number

384963

Salary

£54,857

plus an additional allowance up to £25,543

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

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) is embracing the practice of Enterprise Architecture, and we are looking to build a team of Architects who will support the Chief Architect to shape this exciting initiative.

As part of our enterprise architecture practice, you will be at the forefront of digital transformation and joining our talented and experienced cross-disciplinary architecture community to drive business-led transformation with innovative solutions.

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.

If you want to find out more about this role, get tips on the application or ask the hiring manager any questions, join us for a virtual information session on 20th January at 17:30. Click [here](#) to register.

Job description

Responsibilities will include:

- Leading a team who architect cloud based digital services and who are responsible for the creation and maintenance of solution architectures that are coherent, solve complex and high risk challenges

- Responsible for the team that creates and maintains as-is, transition and to-be Solutions Architectures which meet the needs of DVSA, whilst delivering value for money for their designated business capabilities

- Be responsible for the solution architect team that lead technical designs of systems and services, and who articulate key design decisions effectively.

- Provide mentoring within teams and provide leadership to architects within DVSA architecture community.

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.

Please note, this role will require regular attendance at our Swansea office, where the majority of the team are based.

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:

- Understanding of complex technological landscapes

- Experience liaising with stakeholders and translating business requirements into relevant solution design artefacts

- A track record in strategizing and executing transformation initiatives, with hands-on involvement in business change efforts leveraging AWS and/or Microsoft Azure cloud ecosystems.

Proficient in integrating various products and cloud services within these dynamic environments

Dynamic leadership, motivational prowess, and strong interpersonal skills that enables seamless collaboration with diverse stakeholders.

Additionally, adept at communicating, presenting, and negotiating effectively, driving impactful change among senior decision-makers.

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](#).

Qualifications

Qualified to a degree level in a Digital Development and Technology discipline (e.g. Computing Engineering, Computer Science, Software Development, Business Analysis, etc.) or demonstrate experience at an equivalent level.

To have a formal architectural qualification in either BCS, The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF), Zachman, or demonstrate experience at an equivalent level.

To have a formal cloud architecture qualification either Microsoft Azure Solution Architect Expert and/or AWS Solution Architect Associate or demonstrate experience at an equivalent level.

To have a formal architecture modelling qualification in either Archimate, UML (Unified Modelling Language) or BPMN (Business Process Model and Notation) or demonstrate experience at an equivalent level.

Behaviours

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

Leadership

Working Together

Technical skills

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

Lead Technical Architect - Architecture Communication (Skill level: Expert)

Lead Technical Architect - Making architectural decisions (Skill level: Practitioner)

Lead Technical Architect - Technical design throughout the life cycle (Skill level: Expert)

Benefits

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

Exceptional pension with an employer contribution of an average of 27%.

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](#).

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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 (1250 words). Further details around what this will entail are listed on the application form.

Please structure your Personal Statement (1250 words) to provide detailed evidence of each of the following:

Demonstrable experience in leading a team of solution architects with strong collaboration skills and understanding of complex technological landscapes.

Demonstrate experience liaising with stakeholders and translating business requirements into relevant solution design artefacts that align with an organisations Enterprise Architecture.

Extensive track record in strategising and executing transformation initiatives, with hands-on involvement in business change efforts leveraging AWS and/or Microsoft Azure cloud ecosystems. Proficient in integrating various products and cloud services within these dynamic environments.

Practical exposure to implementing Solution Architecture frameworks in the context of real-world business transformation scenarios. Proficient with well-known frameworks including TOGAF and/or Zachman, as well as familiar with ITIL practices and modelling notations such as Archimate, UML, and BPMN.

Sift & Interview Dates

The sift is due to take place from the 28th January 2025.

Interviews are due to take place from the 11th February 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 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 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.

For further information on National Security Vetting please visit the following page <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/demystifying-vetting>

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

Security

Successful candidates must undergo a criminal record check.

Successful candidates must meet the security requirements before they can be appointed. The level of security needed is [security check \(opens in a new window\)](#).

[See our vetting charter \(opens in a new window\)](#).

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

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](#)

