

Is firefighting for you?

- Are you someone who can always be relied on to be somewhere on time?
- Can you get on with people from different backgrounds and cultures?
- Are you able to meet the demands of working in a disciplined uniformed service?
- Do you have the sensitivity to deal with members of the public when they are distressed, confused or being obstructive?
- Are you committed to maintaining and developing your skills? Are you prepared to study on top of your normal working day?
- Are you mechanically adept with good dexterity and co-ordination?
- Can you contribute to and work within a team?



ABBEYLEIX FIRE STATION

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www.laois.ie and on www.fireireland.ie



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**ARE YOU INTERESTED
IN A CAREER
IN YOUR LOCAL
FIRE SERVICE?**

**We are looking for
Men and Women to join our Team
and Help the Community**



Basic Requirements

- Aged 18-55
- Good state of health & general fitness
- Able to respond to fire station quickly
- Garda vetting
- Full B driving licence prior to starting work
- Comfortable with heights & confined spaces



About the Money

Retained firefighters are paid a fixed annual amount and also an hourly rate for additional work such as calls or special duties.

Fixed Amount starts at €18,050

Callout Rate (1st hour is double time*)

- Daytime €27.07/hr (*€49.05)
- 8pm-8am & Weekends €49.05/hr (*€99.09)

Abbeyleix station typically gets 80-100 calls annually.

Initial Training

Year 1

- Firefighting Skills – 3 Weeks
- Breathing Apparatus – 2 Weeks
- Compartment Fire – 1 Week
- HGV Driving – 1 Week (must apply for Provisional C Licence before starting).

Year 2

- Transport Resue – 1 Week
- Hazardous Materials – 1 Week
- Pump Operation – 1 Week

Weekly training rate - €1055.73 plus expenses.



Availability Arrangements

- Abbeyleix Fire Station operates “week on-week off” roster for calls.
- This will mean that on “week off” crew members have the option of not attending calls, though they still can if they want.
- Attendance is mandatory at all weekly drill nights – Monday 5.30pm – 7.30pm

What do Firefighters do?

A firefighter can be called upon to tackle a wide range of emergency situations where problem solving skills and initiative will be vital to resolve issues quickly and calmly. Incidents vary from firefighting and rescuing people from burning buildings to dealing with chemical incidents and road traffic collisions. A sensitive approach will be required when dealing with members of the public who may be distressed and confused.

All new recruits undergo extensive initial training to equip them with the skills to be a Retained Firefighter. As well as responding to emergency calls and undertaking community fire safety initiatives, Retained Firefighters attend weekly training nights to maintain competency levels and undertake routine checks on their equipment.

On successful completion of the necessary courses, firefighters will achieve a Level 6 Certificate in Firefighting Operations under the National Framework of Qualifications. Other courses undertaken include manual handling, emergency medical skills, abrasive wheels, chainsaw and emergency driving.

