

Job Advert

Locum Cook



Housing | Health | Recovery

Service:	Catering Services
Location:	Limerick City
Duration:	Locum Contract
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We are looking for someone with catering experience, HACCP training, attention to detail, and a compassionate, respectful approach to working with people. This is an opportunity to join an organisation driven by values, teamwork, and impact.

You will work daytime shifts from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM or 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, across a 7-day roster.

NOVAS is a not for profit organisation and Approved Housing Body. We work with single adults, couples and families who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. We provide a range of support services and accommodation. We have over 300 staff, and more than 30 services in Limerick, Dublin, Clare, Kerry, Cork and Tipperary including residential homeless services, social housing and community based services for tenancy sustainment, homelessness prevention, mental health and recovery.

Join NOVAS as a Locum Cook and make a real difference through food, care, and support in Limerick City. This rewarding role combines quality meal preparation with meaningful client engagement in a trauma-informed, person-centred environment supporting people experiencing homelessness. You will work across McGarry House and Brother Russell House as part of a supportive catering and services team, helping deliver nutritious meals, maintain high food safety standards, and encourage positive wellbeing through food.

NOVAS is a Trauma Informed practice organisation and the principles of collaboration, diversity, respect and trust are embedded in our way of working together. Our services are provided through support of our partners in local government through the Local Authorities, HSE, and other donors and funders

Desirable Skills and Knowledge (Please see Job Description for complete Person Specification)

- Professional Qualification in the Culinary or Hospitality and Catering sector or equivalent with a minimum of two years' experience in a kitchen
- HACCP Trainee
- Full driver's licence



- Ability to work well within a team and also have the ability to lone work.
- Administration skills for record keeping and report writing and computer literacy.
- Ability to provide services that foster and enhance the dignity, development and independence of the individual.
- Ability to communicate effectively with a wide variety of people.
- Understanding of the needs of vulnerable people who are homeless.
- Knowledge of and a commitment to equal opportunities.

If you would like to work for NOVAS, an application form and job description can be found on the careers section of our website <https://novas.ie/careers-with-novas/>. If you require any further information or wish to submit a completed application form, please email recruitment@novas.ie

