



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

<b>Counsellor: Assessment Consultation &amp; Therapy Services (ACTS) Grade Code: 3920</b>
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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 22 of the Health Act 2004, I hereby approve the qualifications, as set out hereunder, for the appointment and continuing as **Counsellor** in the **Assessment Consultation & Therapy Services** in the Health Service Executive.

**1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**

(a) Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:

- (i) Possess a professional qualification in counselling or psychotherapy at a minimum of Level 7 on the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland's framework

**And**

- (ii) Are Accredited as a counsellor with Irish Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy, the Irish Association of Alcohol and Addiction Counsellors, or a relevant body within the Irish Council for Psychotherapy,

**and**

- (iii) Have a minimum of 2 years full time experience of working in a counselling setting with young people where addiction issues were part of this work.

**and**

- (b) Candidates must have the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability and management ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office).

**2. Age**

Age restriction shall only apply to a candidate where s/he is not classified as a new entrant (within the meaning of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004). A candidate who is not classified as a new entrant must be under 65 years of age on the first day of the month in which the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office occurs.

**3. Health**

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

**4. Character**

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.