



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Counsellor/Therapist (National Services) - Grade Code 3028

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/Therapist (Adult Services)**.

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

(a) Candidates must possess:

(i) A recognised qualification at Level 7 or higher qualification on the NQAI framework in Medicine, relevant Health & Social Care Professionals (e.g. Psychology, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Speech & Language Therapy) or registered or eligible to be registered as a Nurse with An Bord Altranais.

and

(ii) An accredited qualification in counselling or psychotherapy recognised by the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy, a relevant body within the Irish Council for Psychotherapy, or other equivalent body, of which there is sufficient theoretical content, clinical placements, skills training and personal development as part of the qualification.

and

(iii) A minimum of two years experience (in respect of full-time post-graduate qualifications this will not apply).

or

(iv) A post-graduate qualification in counselling or clinical psychology recognised by the Psychological Society of Ireland.

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.

Dated this ^{5th} day of ^{June} ~~May~~ two thousand and twelve.


Barry O'Brien

National Director of Human Resources.