



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Dietitian, Clinical Specialist

Grade Code 3715

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 a **Dietitian, Clinical Specialist** in the HSE.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

(a) Candidates for appointment must:

- (i) Be registered as a Dietitian by the Dietitians Registration Board at CORU

Or

- (ii) Applicants who satisfy the conditions set out in Section 91 of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, (see note 1 below*), must submit proof of application for registration with the Dietitians Registration Board at CORU. The acceptable proof is correspondence from the Dietitians Registration Board at CORU confirming their application for registration as a Section 91 applicant.

And

- (iii) Have 5 years full time (or equivalent) years full time post qualification dietetic experience of which 4 years must be consecutive in the required area of specialism.

And

- (iv) Demonstrate a proven record of clinical excellence in the specialism

And

- (v) **Professional Development and Practice**

Candidates must demonstrate evidence of continuing professional development relevant to the required area of specialism, in the form of post-graduate qualifications or relevant courses.

And

- (vi) Candidates must demonstrate achievement in the areas of clinical audit, quality improvement initiatives, practice development, teaching and research.

And

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

2. Annual registration

- (i) Practitioners must maintain annual registration on Dietitians Register maintained by the Dietitians Registration Board at CORU.

And

- (ii) Confirm annual registration with CORU to the HSE by way of the annual Patient Safety Assurance Certificate (PSAC).

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Character

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

Dated this 25th day of July two thousand and seventeen



Rosarii Mannion
National Director of Human Resources

Note 1*: **Section 91 candidates** are individuals who qualified before the 31st October 2014 and have been engaged in the practice of the profession in the Republic of Ireland for a minimum of 2 years fulltime (or an aggregate of 2 years fulltime), between 31st October 2009 and 30th October 2014.

This criteria will expire on 1st January 2018.