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 **Catering Officer Grade 2** in the Health Service Executive.

### 1. Professional Qualifications & Experience

Candidates must have:-

a) One of the following qualifications (or equivalent)
   
   (i) A Degree, Diploma or Certificate in Hotel and Catering Management or Institutional Management granted by a recognised College after a course of not less than two years

   or

   (ii) A Diploma in Dietetics granted by a recognised College

   and

b) At least one year's satisfactory experience in the direction and control of the catering arrangements for an institution or other establishment catering for a minimum of 200 persons per day,

   or

c) A total of at least two year's satisfactory experience in the direction and control or in assisting in the direction and control of the catering arrangements for an institution or other establishment catering for a minimum of 200 persons per day

   and

d) 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 Restrictions in Relation to Applications

No age restriction shall apply to a candidate except where he/she is not classified as a new entrant (within the meaning of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004). In this case the candidate 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

A candidate 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

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