Play Specialist

Grade Code 3706

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 18 of the Health Act 1970, I hereby approve qualifications as set out hereunder for appointment and continuing as Play Specialist under a Health Board.

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

Candidates must, on the latest date for receiving completed applications for the post:

- (a) NNEB/Montessori/BA in Early Childhood Studies/Psychology/ Diploma in Childcare/ or equivalent professional childcare qualifications.
- (b) 2 years experience of working with children in a group setting.

2. <u>Age</u>

Age restriction shall only apply to a candidate where he/she 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.

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