

**Radiographer, Senior**

**Job Specification & Terms and Conditions**

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| **Job Title, Grade Code** | **Radiographer, Senior**  (Grade Code: 3107) |
| **Campaign Reference** | To be completed by Recruiter. |
| **Closing Date** | To be completed by Recruiter. |
| **Proposed Interview Date (s)** | To be completed by Recruiter. |
| **Taking up Appointment** | A start date will be indicated at job offer stage. |
| **Location of Post** | Insert location  There is currently xx permanent / specified purpose / part time / whole-time vacancy available in xxxxxxxxxx  A panel may be formed as a result of this campaign for xxxxxxxxxxx from which current and future, permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part-time duration may be filled. |
| **Informal Enquiries** | Please provide name & contact details for person who will deal with informal enquiries. |
| **Details of Service** | Provide details to the following types of questions:   * What service does the unit provide? * What client group is served by the unit? * What are the possible future developments for the service? * What is the team structure? * What area is covered by this service?   There is no limit to the text that can be inserted here. Please use this section to highlight the service and generate interest in the service and job being recruited for |
| **Reporting Relationship** | Please outline reporting relationships associated with the post:   * To whom will the job holder report? *Example:* Professional reporting relationship for clinical governance and clinical supervision will be to the Head of Discipline through the professional line management structure. * Who will report to the job holder (if anyone)? |
| **Purpose of the Post** | What is the overall high-level purpose of the job?  *Example:* The Senior Radiographer will deliver a high quality, patient-focused imaging service in a caring and efficient manner, in line with established standards and operating procedures. |
| **Principal Duties and Responsibilities** | *The Senior Radiographer will:*  **Clinical / Professional**   * Lead in the provision of a radiography service in a professional manner. * Ensure professional standards are maintained in accordance with the requirements as set out by CORU <https://coru.ie/files-recognition/standards-of-proficiency-for-radiographers-radiation-therapists.pdf>. * Allocate workload to facilitate efficient workflow and maintenance of service user throughput. * Demonstrate flexibility in response to service need and be prepared to facilitate urgent cases when necessary. * Ensure service user comfort while in the Radiology Department, explaining procedures, waiting times etc. * Adhere to departmental imaging protocols; be responsible for the correct identification of patient images. * Ensure that appropriate radiation protection is used and that the radiation dose is kept to a minimum consistent with the as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) principle. * Monitor and adhere to relevant legislation, regulations and standards relevant to the use of ionising radiation. * Ensure Radiographers adhere to best practice guidelines. * Be responsible for the safe use of all imaging equipment and adherence to instructions on its use; ensure other staff comply with same. * Maximise the use of new technology including the Radiology Information System and PACS. * Be responsible for the cleaning and care of imaging equipment. Take part in routine inspection of equipment and quality assurance procedures. Be responsible for the logging of and reporting of any equipment faults to relevant person(s). * Be accountable – take responsibility for his / her own actions, seek advice / a second opinion, as required. * Relate to and communicate with others in a courteous and helpful manner at all times. * Work as part of the multi-disciplinary team in the provision of an integrated patient-centred service. * Contribute to the development and implementation of agreed policies, procedures and safe professional practice. * Lead and assist in audit and quality assurance programmes; participate in the implementation of findings. * Ensure the correct completion of records and reports. * Respect and maintain the privacy, dignity and confidentiality of the service user and in relation to all service activities as per statutory requirements e.g. FOI, GDPR. * Attend at such other health institutions administered by the HSE as may be designated from time-to-time.   **Education & Training**   * Participate in mandatory training programmes. * Participate in continuing professional development including in-service training, attending and presenting at conferences / courses relevant to practice, promoting and contributing to research etc. as agreed with Line Manager. * Engage in performance review with Line Manager. * Actively participate in induction / teaching / training / supervision of Radiographers and other staff within the department as required. Provide peer support when necessary. * Identify teaching / learning / audit / opportunities within the department for self / others. * Manage, participate and play a role in the practice education of student Radiographers.   **Health & Safety**   * Work in a safe manner with due care and attention to the safety of self and others. * Implement agreed policies, procedures and safe professional practice by adhering to relevant legislation, regulations and standards. * Contribute to risk assessment and oversee the implementation of the department’s safety statement; identify risks and take appropriate action. * Document appropriately and report any near misses, hazards and accidents and bring them to the attention of the relevant person(s). * Be responsible for the cleaning and proper care and storage of all safety equipment including personal protective equipment (e.g. lead aprons, thyroid shields). * Be responsible for keeping the department and their work area clean, tidy and safe. * Have a working knowledge of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards as they apply to the role for example, Standards for Healthcare, National Standards for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections, Hygiene Standards etc.and comply with associated HSE protocols for implementing and maintaining these standards as appropriate to the role. * Support, promote and actively participate in sustainable energy, water and waste initiatives to create a more sustainable, low carbon and efficient health service.   **Administrative**   * Contribute to the planning and development of the service and participate in service improvements. * Lead in the establishment and maintenance of standards for quality improvement and ensure adherence to existing standards and policies. * Assist in the organisation, maintenance and / or ordering of equipment and materials as required. * Represent the department at meetings and conferences as required. * Engage in IT developments as they apply to service user and service administration. * Keep up to date with developments within the organisation and the Irish Health Service.   **The above Job Specification is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to them from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.** |
| **Eligibility Criteria**  **Qualifications and/ or experience** | ***Please insert Qualifications for the post. These are available on HSE website at -*** [***http://hse.ie/eng/staff/Jobs/Eligibility\_Criteria/***](about:blank)  **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.  **Character**  Each candidate for and any person holding the office must be of good character. |
| **Post Specific Requirements** | **This section may be used to specify that candidates must demonstrate particular experience deemed necessary for safe and effective performance in the role**  **e.g.**   * **depth and breadth of experience in providing a service to marginalised communities** * **depth and breadth of experience of working in a High Dependency Unit in an Acute setting** * **depth and breadth of experience of delivering concurrent, multiple projects.**   **Post specific requirements mostly relate to a specific role and might include education / experience required for a specific post in a specific location / may include specialisms e.g. ICU course or experience. We don’t include ‘Nice to have’ / ‘Desirable’ criteria – either a criterion is essential to the role or it isn't. Avoid including ‘numerical data’ here e.g. must have x no. of months / years’ experience in XXX. Instead it is more helpful to detail what it is you want the applicants to know / be able to do.** |
| **Other requirements specific to the post** | **Please outline if there are specific practical requirements that are specific to the post**  **e.g.**   * **have access to appropriate transport to fulfil the requirements of the role.** * **participate in an on-call rota.** |
| **Skills, competencies and/or knowledge** | **Professional Knowledge and Experience**  *For example:*   * Demonstrates a high level of clinical and technical knowledge to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the role. * Demonstrates the knowledge, abilities, clinical and technical skills required to provide safe, efficient and effective service in the area of practice. * Formulates, articulates and demonstrates sound clinical and technical reasoning; demonstrates knowledge of practices and procedures that apply in current practice. * Has appropriate knowledge of the signs and symptoms of a broad range of pathologies and trauma which are used as clinical indications for referral for imaging procedures. * Integrates professional judgement with the clinical / technical application of practice and procedures. * Demonstrates an awareness of legislative requirements that impact on the practice of Radiography and provision of services. * Maximises the use of ICT; computer skills particularly Microsoft Office, Outlook etc. and willingness to develop IT skills relevant to the role.   **Planning and Managing Resources**  *For example:*   * Plans, organises and delivers the service in an effective and resourceful manner, effectively managing self in a busy working environment. * Co-ordinates resources to ensure value for money and maximum benefit for the organisation. * Pre-empts potential problems or competing priorities and takes the appropriate actions. * Effective time management skills including the ability to effectively prioritise tasks and delegate as appropriate.   **Managing and Developing (Self & Others)**  *For example:*   * Works independently and collaboratively as part of a multi-disciplinary team. * Ability to lead and motivate a team of radiographers. Adapts management style to suit the demands of the situation and the people involved. * Manages and develops self and others in a busy working environment. * Reacts constructively to setbacks; gives and receives feedback.   **Commitment to Providing a Quality Service**  *For example:*   * A commitment to the delivery of a high quality, person centred service. * Awareness and appreciation of service users and the ability to empathise with and treat others with dignity and respect. * Provides a flexible service and is open to change; promotes and embraces change and improvements. * Understands the principles of quality assurance and quality improvement and the importance of the role of audit and review in quality management, including the use of appropriate outcome measures.   **Evaluating Information and Judging Situations**  *For example:*   * Evaluates information, solves problems and makes effective decisions in relation to service user care. * Makes decisions in a transparent manner by involving and empowering others where appropriate. * Demonstrates sound clinical / professional decision-making, which can be justified even when made on the basis of limited information. * Demonstrates a logical and systematic approach to problem solving.   **Communication and Interpersonal Skills**  *For example:*   * Maintains a professional relationship in all communications, treating others with dignity and respect. * Works collaboratively with others to understand and establish expectations and desired outcomes. * Tailors the message to match the needs of the audience; fosters open, honest and clear communication. * Demonstrates sensitivity, diplomacy and tact when dealing with others. * Demonstrates strong negotiation skills, remains firm but flexible when putting forward a point of view. |
| **Campaign Specific Selection Process**  **Ranking/Shortlisting / Interview** | A ranking and or shortlisting exercise may be carried out on the basis of information supplied in your application form. The criteria for ranking and or shortlisting are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the eligibility criteria and skills, competencies and/or knowledge section of this job specification. Therefore it is very important that you think about your experience in light of those requirements.  Failure to include information regarding these requirements may result in you not being called forward to the next stage of the selection process.  Those successful at the ranking stage of this process (where applied) will be placed on an order of merit and will be called to interview in ‘bands’ depending on the service needs of the organisation.  The HSE is an equal opportunities employer. |
| **Code of Practice** | The Health Service Executive will run this campaign in compliance with the Code of Practice prepared by the Commission for Public Service Appointments (CPSA). The Code of Practice sets out how the core principles of probity, merit, equity and fairness might be applied on a principle basis. The Code also specifies the responsibilities placed on candidates, facilities for feedback to applicants on matters relating to their application when requested, and outlines procedures in relation to requests for a review of the recruitment and selection process and review in relation to allegations of a breach of the Code of Practice. Additional information on the HSE’s review process is available in the document posted with each vacancy entitled “Code of Practice, Information for Candidates”.  Codes of practice are published by the CPSA and are available on <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/jobs> in the document posted with each vacancy entitled “Code of Practice, Information for Candidates” or on <https://www.cpsa.ie/>. |
| The reform programme outlined for the Health Services may impact on this role and as structures change the Job Specification may be reviewed.  This Job Specification is a guide to the general range of duties assigned to the post holder. It is intended to be neither definitive nor restrictive and is subject to periodic review with the employee concerned. | |

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| **Tenure** | The current vacancy available is **permanent/temporary** and **whole time/part-time.**  The post is pensionable. A panel may be created from which permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part time duration may be filled. The tenure of these posts will be indicated at “expression of interest” stage.  Appointment as an employee of the Health Service Executive is governed by the Health Act 2004 and the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004 and Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Amendment Act 2013. |
| **Remuneration** | The Salary scale for the post is: **PLEASE INSERT (Pro Rata - part-time)**  **PLEASE INSERT the most recent salary scales for the role and grade code.**  New appointees to any grade start at the minimum point of the scale. Incremental credit will be applied for recognised relevant service in Ireland and abroad (Department of Health Circular 2/2011). Incremental credit is normally granted on appointment, in respect of previous experience in the Civil Service, Local Authorities, Health Service and other Public Service Bodies and Statutory Agencies. |
| **Working Week** | The standard working week applying to the post is to be confirmed at Job Offer stage.  **Please include the following paragraph for posts that traditionally worked 9-5, Monday to Friday. Do not include for nursing and other posts that are required to work shifts over a 7-day week.**  HSE Circular 003-2009 “Matching Working Patterns to Service Needs (Extended Working Day / Week Arrangements); Framework for Implementation of Clause 30.4 of Towards 2016” applies. Under the terms of this circular, all new entrants and staff appointed to promotional posts from Dec 16th, 2008 will be required to work agreed roster / on call arrangements as advised by their line manager. Contracted hours of work are liable to change between the hours of 8am-8pm over seven days to meet the requirements for extended day services in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement (Implementation of Clause 30.4 of Towards 2016). |
| **Annual Leave** | The annual leave associated with the post will be confirmed at Contracting stage. |
| **Superannuation** | This is a pensionable position with the HSE. The successful candidate will upon appointment become a member of the appropriate pension scheme. Pension scheme membership will be notified within the contract of employment. Members of pre-existing pension schemes who transferred to the HSE on the 01st January 2005 pursuant to Section 60 of the Health Act 2004 are entitled to superannuation benefit terms under the HSE Scheme which are no less favourable to those which they were entitled to at 31st December 2004 |
| **Age** | The Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act, 2018\* set 70 years as the compulsory retirement age for public servants.  ***\* Public Servants not affected by this legislation:***  Public servants joining the public service or re-joining the public service with a 26 week break in service, between 1 April 2004 and 31 December 2012 (new entrants) have no compulsory retirement age.  Public servants, joining the public service or re-joining the public service after a 26 week break, after 1 January 2013 are members of the Single Pension Scheme and have a compulsory retirement age of 70. |
| **Probation** | Every appointment of a person who is not already a permanent officer of the Health Service Executive or of a Local Authority shall be subject to a probationary period of 12 months as stipulated in the Department of Health Circular No.10/71. |
| **Protection for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998** | As this post is one of those designated under the Protection for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998, appointment to this post appoints one as a designated officer in accordance with Section 2 of the Act.  You will remain a designated officer for the duration of your appointment to your current post or for the duration of your appointment to such other post as is included in the categories specified in the Ministerial Direction. You will receive full information on your responsibilities under the Act on appointment. |
| **Infection Control** | Have a working knowledge of Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards as they apply to the role for example, Standards for Healthcare, National Standards for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections, Hygiene Standards etc. and comply with associated HSE protocols for implementing and maintaining these standards as appropriate to the role. |
| **Health & Safety** | It is the responsibility of line managers to ensure that the management of safety, health and welfare is successfully integrated into all activities undertaken within their area of responsibility, so far as is reasonably practicable. Line managers are named and roles and responsibilities detailed in the relevant Site Specific Safety Statement (SSSS).  Key responsibilities include:   * Developing a SSSS for the department/service[[1]](#footnote-1), as applicable, based on the identification of hazards and the assessment of risks, and reviewing/updating same on a regular basis (at least annually) and in the event of any significant change in the work activity or place of work. * Ensuring that Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) is integrated into day-to-day business, providing Systems Of Work (SOW) that are planned, organised, performed, maintained, and revised as appropriate, and ensuring that all safety related records are maintained and available for inspection. * Consulting and communicating with staff and safety representatives on OSH matters. * Ensuring a training needs assessment (TNA) is undertaken for employees, facilitating their attendance at statutory OSH training, and ensuring records are maintained for each employee. * Ensuring that all incidents occurring within the relevant department/service are appropriately managed and investigated in accordance with HSE procedures[[2]](#footnote-2). * Seeking advice from health and safety professionals through the National Health and Safety Function Helpdesk as appropriate. * Reviewing the health and safety performance of the ward/department/service and staff through, respectively, local audit and performance achievement meetings for example.   **Note**: Detailed roles and responsibilities of Line Managers are outlined in local SSSS. |

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Helpful Reminders\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**1) Please remember to delete any prompts and / or tables (in dark blue) in the sections above**

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1. A template SSSS and guidelines are available on the National Health and Safety Function, here: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/safetywellbeing/about%20us/>

   2 See link on health and safety web-pages to latest Incident Management Policy [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)