



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

**Director of Nursing, (Mental Health) Assistant
Grade Code 2542**

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 **Director of Nursing, (Mental Health) Assistant** in the Health Service Executive.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc.

- (a) Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:
- (i) Are registered, or are eligible for registration, in the Psychiatric Nurses Division of the Register of Nurses and Midwives maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland [NMBI] (Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann).
- And**
- (ii) Have 7 years post registration psychiatric nursing experience and 5 years psychiatric nursing management experience.
- And**
- (iii) Have successfully completed a post registration programme of study, as certified by the education provider, which verifies that the applicant has achieved a National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) major academic Level 8 or higher award maintained by Quality & Qualifications of Ireland (QQI) or can provide written evidence from the Higher Education Institute that they have achieved the number of ECTS credits equivalent to a Level 8 or higher standard in a health care or management related area.
- And**
- (b) Candidates must possess the requisite clinical, leadership, managerial and administrative knowledge and ability for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.

2. Annual registration

- (i) On appointment practitioners must maintain live annual registration on the Psychiatric Nurse Division of the Register of Nurses & Midwives maintained by Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland [NMBI] (Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann).
- And**
- (ii) Practitioners must confirm annual registration with NMBI 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 24th day of October two thousand and eighteen.



Rosarii Mannion
National Director of Human Resources

This criteria will be reviewed in October 2019.