



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Senior Area Medical Officer

Grade Code – 1325

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 **Senior Area Medical Officer** under a Health Board.

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

(i) Each candidate must, on the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the post:-

- (a) possess full registration in the General Register of Medical Practitioners or entitlement to be so registered;
- (b) have had, after primary medical qualification, at least, five years satisfactory experience in the practice of the medical profession;
- (c) possess a recognised Degree or Diploma in Public Health, or equivalent

or

possess Membership or Fellowship of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland or a qualification at least equivalent to either of these;

and

(d) have had adequate practical experience of Health Services.

(ii) Each candidate must possess a satisfactory standard of:

- (a) professional attainment in relation to Health Services

and

- (b) administrative capacity

(iii) Each candidate must possess the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the post.

2. **Age**
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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