



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

### **Principal Biochemist – Grade Code 3778**

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 **Principal Biochemist**

#### **1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**

##### **Candidates must**

- a) have obtained, after examination or on a thesis, dissertation or published work, the MSc Degree of a recognised university in biochemistry or physiological chemistry or a qualification at least equivalent thereto
- b) have at least five years satisfactory experience in the procedures of clinical biochemistry and/or chemical pathology in the laboratory of a hospital or allied institution
- c) possess a high standard of professional attainment
- d) possess 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**

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.

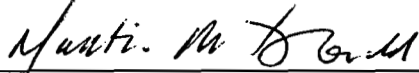
#### **3. Health**

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.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, two thousand and seven,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martin McDonald", written over a horizontal line.

**Martin McDonald**

**National Director of Human Resources**