



Biochemist, Senior
Grade Code 376X

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 **Biochemist, Senior** in the Health Service Executive.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc (See Recognised Qualifications* below)

(a) Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:

(i)	(a)	Possess a BSc (Hons)/BA (Mod) in a subject area related to clinical biochemistry/laboratory medicine and diagnostics or equivalent qualification.
	(b)	An equivalent qualification*.
Or		
(ii)	(a)	Have obtained before March 2018, a degree in which Biochemistry was taken as a subject in the final examination, or equivalent.
		and
	(b)	Be currently employed as a Biochemist in the Irish health system.
And		
(iii)		Possess an MSc (Taught or Research) (or higher qualification) in Clinical Biochemistry or relevant subject area. (MSc degree may be by examination or thesis) or equivalent qualification.
And		
(iv)		Have 3 years full time (or an aggregate of 3 years full time) post qualification experience in clinical biochemistry/related discipline.

And

(b) Candidates must 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.

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2. 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.

3. Character

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

Dated this 29th day of September two thousand and twenty.



Anne Marie Hoey
National Director – Human Resources

This criteria will be reviewed in September 2021.

Recognised Qualifications*

Bachelor of Science degrees

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Biological, Biomedical & Biomolecular Sciences

BSc (Hons) Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

BSc (Hons) Cell & Molecular Biology

BSc (Hons) Genetics

BSc (Hons) Pharmacology

BSc (Hons) Physiology

Chemistry and Chemical Sciences

BSc (Hons) Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology

BSc (Hons) Life and Health Sciences

TRINITY COLLEGE

Science (B.A., Honours Bachelor Degree)

Biochemistry (have to do 3rd and 4th year of those specialty subjects)

Chemistry (idem)

Genetics (idem)

Immunology (idem)

Molecular Medicine (idem)

Physiology (idem)

Human Genetics (B.A., Honours Bachelor Degree)

Chemistry

Health Science – Human Health and Disease (B.Sc., Honours Bachelor Degree)

DUBLIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

BSc (Honours) Science (General Entry) (Level 8)

Biological Sciences

BSc (Honours) Biomedical Science (Level 8)

BSc (Honours) Biomedical & Molecular Diagnostics (Level 8)

BSc Biomolecular Sciences (Level 8)

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DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY

Science (Bachelor) (Honours)

BSc in Genetics and Cell Biology (Honours)

UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK

Bachelor of Science (Honours)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

BSc honours in Biochemistry

BSc honours in Biomedical Science

BSc honours in Genetics

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND GALWAY

Biomedical Science

Science (Bachelor)

GALWAY MAYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

BSc Medical Science (Hons)

Postgraduate Qualifications

Taught or Research Masters

Master in Science from a recognised University (TCD, UCD, UCC, NUIG, RCSI, DIT, DCU, UL) UK or International University.

Taught Masters in Clinical Chemistry (TCD)

Taught Master in Science – Biochemistry/Immunology (TCD)

Research Masters in a topic relevant to Clinical Biochemistry/Toxicology/Diagnostic Medicine/Molecular Diagnostics/Immunology