

# Community Mental Health Nurse (Clinical Nurse Specialist) - Grade Code 2301

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 **Community Mental Health Nurse (Clinical Nurse Specialist).** 

### 1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

- (a) Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:
  - (i) Are registered in the Psychiatric Division of the Register of Nurses kept by An Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland).

Note: Post holders must maintain annual registration with An Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann.

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(ii) Have at least 5 years post registration experience in the Psychiatric/Mental Health Services as a registered Psychiatric Nurse.

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(iii) Have a minimum of 2 years experience in the specialist area of practice as defined in the *Post Specific requirements* of the job description.

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(iv) Have the ability to practice safely and effectively fulfilling his/her professional responsibility within his/her scope of practice.

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(v) Must demonstrate evidence of continuing professional development.

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(vi) Must hold a level 8 post-registration National Qualifications Authority of Ireland major academic award relevant to the specialist area of practice.

# 2. <u>Age</u>

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.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of September two thousand and thirteen.

Barry O'Brien National Director of Human Resources

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