



**Counsellor Therapist (National Counselling Service)
Grade Code 3028**

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 **Counsellor Therapist (National Counselling Service)** 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:

(1)	Hold a qualification at Level 7 or higher on the QQI framework in a human science discipline (medical, psychological, social, educational) or hold a qualification at Level 7 or higher in a health and social care profession.
PLUS 2A OR 2B	
(2) A (i)	Hold a degree or post-graduate qualification in counselling, or psychotherapy recognised by one of the following, as appropriate: the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (IACP), or one of the five sections within the Irish Council for Psychotherapy (ICP).
AND	
(2) A (ii)	Have full accredited membership with one of the following: IACP or one of the five sections within ICP. Pre-accredited hours must include a minimum of 100 hours of one to one counselling/psychotherapy with adult clients under the supervision of an IACP / ICP accredited supervisor.
OR	
2 B (i)	Are a <u>full member</u> of the Clinical or Counselling Psychology Division of the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI).

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 26th day of January two thousand and twenty one

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Marie Hoey". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Anne Marie Hoey
National Director – Human Resources

This criteria will be reviewed in January 2022