

# Director of Public Health Nursing

Grade Code: 2801

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 a **Director of Public Health Nursing** in the Health Service Executive.

## 1. Professional Qualifications & Experience

Candidates must:-

- (a) On the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office:-
- (i) be registered in the General Division of the Register of Nurses maintained by An Bord Altranais or be entitled to be so registered;
  - (ii) be registered in Midwives Division of the Register of Nurses maintained by An Bord Altranais or be entitled to be so registered;
  - (iii) Be registered in the Public Health Division of the Register of Nurses maintained by An Bord Altranais or be entitled to be so registered;
  - (iv) have not less than 5 years satisfactory experience in the office of Public Health or in an analogous post or an aggregate of 5 years such experience.
- or**
- (b) be a serving permanent Director of Public Health Nursing under a Health Board in the state.
- and**
- (c) Possess the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability and of organising ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.

## 2. Age Restrictions in Relation to Applications

No age restriction shall apply to a candidate except where he/she is not classified as a new entrant (within the meaning of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004). In this case the candidate 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

A candidate 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

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

## **5. General**

Any person holding the office must be registered in the General Division of the Register of Nurses maintained by An Bord Altranais and must also be registered in the Midwives Division of that Register and except where admitted as a candidate under 1(b) above, must be registered in the Public Health Nurses Division of that register.

## **6. Approved**

Department of Health & Children Declared Qualifications