



**Medical Scientist, Chief**

**Grade Code 3876**

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 **Medical Scientist, Chief** in the Health Service Executive.

**1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**

(a)	<b>Candidates for appointment must:</b>
(i)	Be registered on the Medical Scientists Register maintained by the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU. See <a href="https://coru.ie/health-and-social-care-professionals/registration-for-medical-scientists/">https://coru.ie/health-and-social-care-professionals/registration-for-medical-scientists/</a>
<b>OR</b>	
(ii)	Applicants who satisfy the conditions set out in Section 91 of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, ( <b>see note 1 below*</b> ), must submit proof of application for registration with the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU. The acceptable proof is correspondence from the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU confirming their application for registration as a Section 91 applicant was received by the 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021.
<b>AND</b>	
(iii)	Possess at least seven years full time clinical experience (or an aggregate of seven years full time clinical experience) as a medical scientist in a clinical diagnostic laboratory since qualifying as a medical scientist, two years of which were spent in a promotional post (e.g. Medical Scientist, Senior or Medical Scientist, Specialist).
<b>AND</b>	
(iv)	Demonstrate evidence of Continuous Professional Development.
<b>AND</b>	
(b)	Candidates must have the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability, management, leadership and professional ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.

2. **Annual registration**

(i)	On appointment, practitioners must maintain annual registration on Medical Scientists Register maintained by the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU
<b>And</b>	
(ii)	Practitioners must confirm annual registration with CORU to the HSE by way of the annual Patient Safety Assurance Certificate (PSAC).

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 31 March 2021**

**Note 1\***

**Section 91 candidates are individuals who qualified before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and have been engaged in the practice of the profession in the Republic of Ireland for a minimum of 2 years fulltime (or an aggregate of 2 years fulltime), between 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 are considered to be Section 91 applicants under the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005.**