



Medical Scientist, Specialist (Grade Code 3878)

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, Specialist in the Health Service Executive.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

Category A:

- (i) **Individuals who qualified before the 31st March 2019 and have not engaged in the practice of the profession in the Republic of Ireland must:**

Or

- (ii) **Individuals who qualified before the 31st March 2019 and have been engaged in the practice of the profession for less than 2 years fulltime (or an aggregate of 2 years fulltime), in the Republic of Ireland between 31st March 2014 and 30th March 2019 must:**

- (a) Possess a qualification approved by the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU see <https://www.coru.ie/about-us/registration-boards/medical-scientists-registration-board/apply-for-registration/>

Or

- (b) Hold a comparable qualification recognised by the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU.

Or

- (c) Submit proof to the HSE of their application for recognition of their qualifications from the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU by a date specified by the HSE. (HBS Recruit or recruiting unit will specify this date, generally pre interview date).

Or

- (d) Hold a qualification previously recognised by the Department of Health (An Roinn Slainte).¹

¹ In relation to non Irish qualifications which are not recognised by CORU and in respect of persons to whom Directive 2005/36/EC applies

And

(e) Possess one of the following NFQ Level 9 post graduate qualifications:

- MSc Clinical Laboratory Science, Dublin Institute of Technology.
- MSc Clinical Chemistry, University of Dublin, Trinity College.
- MSc Biomedical Science, University of Ulster.
- MSc Biomedical Science, Cork Institute of Technology / University College Cork.
- MSc Molecular Pathology, Dublin Institute of Technology / University of Dublin, Trinity College.

Or

(f) An equivalent qualification at minimum Level 9 validated by the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM).

Or

(g) Possess Fellowship of the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine awarded before July 2018.

Or

(h) Have attained the Fellowship examination of the Institute of Biomedical Science **(Awarded prior to 1999)**.

And

(i) Possess four years full time clinical experience (or an aggregate of four years' full time clinical experience) as a medical scientist in a clinical diagnostic laboratory since qualifying as a medical scientist.

And

(j) Demonstrate knowledge and experience in the appropriate specialist area

And

(k) Demonstrate evidence of Continuous Professional Development.

And

(l) Candidates must have the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability and management ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.

Category B:

Individuals who qualified before the 31st 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 31st March 2014 and 30th March 2019 must:

(a) Hold a qualification recognised by the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU see <https://www.coru.ie/about-us/registration-boards/medical-scientists-registration-board/apply-for-registration/>

Or

- (b) Hold a qualification previously recognised by the Department of Health (An Roinn Slainte).¹

And

- (c) Possess one of the following NFQ Level 9 post graduate qualifications:

- MSc Clinical Laboratory Science, Dublin Institute of Technology.
- MSc Clinical Chemistry, University of Dublin, Trinity College.
- MSc Biomedical Science, University of Ulster.
- MSc Biomedical Science, Cork Institute of Technology / University College Cork.
- MSc Molecular Pathology, Dublin Institute of Technology / University of Dublin, Trinity College.

Or

- (d) An equivalent qualification at minimum Level 9 validated by the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM).

Or

- (e) Possess Fellowship of the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine awarded before July 2018.

Or

- (f) Have attained the Fellowship examination of the Institute of Biomedical Science (*Awarded prior to 1999*).

And

- (g) Possess four years full time clinical experience (or an aggregate of four years' full time clinical experience) as a medical scientist in a clinical diagnostic laboratory since qualifying as a medical scientist.

And

- (h) Demonstrate knowledge and experience in the appropriate specialist area

And

- (i) Demonstrate evidence of Continuous Professional Development.

And

- (j) Candidates must have the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability and management ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.

2. **Registration on the Medical Scientists register**

Category A

Appointees who subsequently fail to achieve the necessary registration on the Medical Scientists Register maintained by the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU **will not** be able to continue in the role of a Medical Scientist **beyond the 30th March 2021.**

Category B

Appointees must have applied for registration with CORU by the **30th March 2021** to continue in the role of a Medical Scientist **beyond the 30th March 2021.**

3. **Annual registration**

On appointment, practitioners must maintain live annual registration on the Medical Scientists Register maintained by the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU.

4. **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.

5. **Character**

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

Dated: August 2020