



### **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and 30<sup>th</sup> 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).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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) Have attained the 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 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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).<sup>1</sup>

**And**

- (c) Possess one of the following NQF 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) Have attained the 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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

**Category B**

Appointees must have applied for registration with CORU by the **30<sup>th</sup> March 2021** to continue in the role of a Medical Scientist **beyond the 30<sup>th</sup> 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: September 2020**