### Senior Medical Officer Grade Code 183T

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 18 of the Health Act 1970, I hereby approve qualifications as set out hereunder for appointment and continuing as Senior Medical Officer under a Health Board.

# 1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

Candidates must, on the latest date for receiving completed applications for the post:

- Be a medical practitioner who is registered other than provisionally or temporarily in the Register of Medical Practitioners for Ireland or is entitled to be so registered.
- Posses a Masters in Public Health/Diploma in Public Health and/or equivalent qualification. Example would include:
  - o MSc in Community Health
  - Masters in Community Child Health (UK)
  - o Membership of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine (Ireland or UK)
  - Membership of the Irish College of General Practitioners
  - o Membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners (UK)
  - o Membership of the Royal College of Physicians (Ireland or UK)
  - Membership of the Faculty of Paediatrics (Ireland or UK)
  - Membership of the Faculty of Occupational Health (Ireland or UK)

# 3. Experience

Have had, since becoming entitled to full registration, at least five years satisfactory experience in the practice of the medical profession.

# 4. Age

Age restriction shall only apply to a candidate where he/she is not classified as a new entrant (within the meaning of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004). A candidate who is not classified as a new entrant 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.

## 5. 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.

### 6. Character

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

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