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 Medical Scientist, Chief in the HSE.

1. **Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**
   (a) Candidates for appointment must possess:

   (i) Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Science from the Galway/Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT).

   Or

   (ii) Bachelor of Science (Honours) Biomedical Science, Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT).

   Or

   (iii) Bachelor in Science Honours degree in Biomedical Science from the Joint University College Cork – Cork Institute of Technology course AND Diploma in Clinical Laboratory Practice.

   Or

   (iv) Certificate in Medical Laboratory Science, Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) or Galway/Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) AND Bachelor in Science (Applied Science) Honours degree (Biomedical option) from the University of Dublin/Dublin Institute of Technology *(Awarded prior to 2002)*.

   Or

   (v) Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) AND BSc (Honours) Biomedical Sciences, University College Cork (UCC). *(Awarded prior to 2013)*.

   Or

   (vi) Diploma in Medical Laboratory Sciences of the Dublin Institute of Technology, (DIT) or the Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) *(Awarded prior to 1994)*.

   Or

   (vii) Certificate in Medical Laboratory Science *awarded before 1997* by
Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) or Galway/Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT).

Or

(viii) An equivalent qualification validated by the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM).

And

(ix) Possess one of the following NFQ Level 9 post graduate qualifications or equivalent qualification at minimum Level 9 validated by the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine:

- 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

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

And

(xi) Possess at least seven years full time clinical experience (or an aggregate of seven years 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).

And

(xii) Demonstrate evidence of Continuous Professional Development.

And

(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. **Age**
   Age restriction shall only apply to a candidate where s/he 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.

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 this 7th day of August two thousand and eighteen

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Rosarii Mannion
National Director of Human Resources