Occupational Therapist, Clinical Specialist
Grade Code 3824

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 an Occupational Therapist, Clinical Specialist in the HSE.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

Category A individuals

(i) who qualified before the 31st March 2015 and have not engaged in the practice of the profession in the Republic of Ireland must:

OR

(ii) who qualified before the 31st March 2015 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 2010 and 30th March 2015 must:

OR

(iii) who do not meet Category A (i) or (ii) (above) or Category B (below) and who are deemed eligible by CORU for registration under Section 38 of Health & Social Care Professionals Act, 2005 must:

a) hold a qualification approved by the Occupational Therapists Registration Board at CORU:

i) Bachelor in Science in Occupational Therapy from the University of Dublin awarded to graduates on successful completion of the four year pathway/programme to this award.

Or

ii) Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Occupational Therapy from the University of Dublin

Or

iii) Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from University College Cork.

Or

iv) Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Or

v) Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (Professional Qualification) from the University of Limerick

Or

vi) Diploma of the College of Occupational Therapy
b) Hold a comparable qualification recognized by the Occupational Therapists Registration Board at CORU.

or

c) Hold a qualification previously recognised by the Department of Health\(^1\).

or

d) (i) Submit proof to the HSE of their application for recognition of their current qualifications to the Occupational Therapists Registration Board by the date specified by the HSE.

and

(ii) Submit proof to the HSE of their application for registration on the Occupational Therapists Register maintained by the Occupational Therapists Registration Board at CORU before a contract of employment can be offered.

and

e) Experience

(i) Candidates must have 5 years full time (or equivalent) years post qualification experience of which 4 years must be consecutive in the required area of specialism.

(ii) Demonstrate a proven record of clinical excellence.

and

f) Professional Development and Practice

(i) Candidates must demonstrate evidence of continuing professional development relevant to the required area of specialism, in the form of post-graduate qualifications or relevant courses.

(ii) Candidates must demonstrate achievement in the areas of clinical audit, quality improvement initiatives, practice development, teaching and research.

and

Requisite Knowledge

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.

OR

\(^1\) In relation non Irish qualifications which are not recognised by CORU under S.I. 390 of 2013 and in respect of persons to whom Directive 2005/36/EC applies
**Category B Individuals**

(i) who qualified before the 31st March 2015 and have been engaged in the practice of the profession in the Republic of Ireland for a minimum of two (2) years fulltime, (or an aggregate of 2 years fulltime), between 31st March 2010 and 30th March 2015 must:

a) hold a qualification approved by the Occupational Therapists Registration Board at CORU:

i) Bachelor in Science in Occupational Therapy from the University of Dublin awarded to graduates on successful completion of the four year pathway/programme to this award.

Or

ii) Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Occupational Therapy from the University of Dublin

Or

iii) Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from University College Cork.

Or

iv) Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Or

v) Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (Professional Qualification) from the University of Limerick

or

vi) Diploma of the College of Occupational Therapy

or

b) Hold a comparable qualification recognized by the Occupational Therapists Registration Board at CORU.

or

c) Hold a qualification previously recognised by the Department of Health\(^1\).

or

d) Submit proof to the HSE of their application for recognition of their current qualifications to the Occupational Therapists Registration Board by the date specified by the HSE.

and

e) **Experience**

(i) Candidates must have 5 years full time (or equivalent) years post qualification experience of which 4 must be consecutive in the required area of specialism.

(ii) Candidates must demonstrate a proven record of clinical excellence.
and

f) Professional development and Practice
   (i) Candidates must demonstrate evidence of continuing professional development relevant to the required area of specialism, in the form of post-graduate qualifications or relevant courses.

   (ii) Candidates must demonstrate achievement in the areas of clinical audit, quality improvement initiatives, practice development, teaching and research.

and

g) Requisite Knowledge
   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. Registration on the Occupational Therapists Register

   Category A
   Appointees who subsequently fail to achieve the necessary registration in the Occupational Therapists Register maintained by the Occupational Therapists Registration Board at CORU will not be able to continue in the role of an Occupational Therapist beyond the 30th March 2017.

   Category B
   Appointees must have applied for registration with CORU by the 30th March 2017.

3. Annual registration
   Practitioners must maintain live annual registration on Occupational Therapists Register maintained by the Occupational Therapists Registration Board at CORU once initial registration is secured.

4. 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.

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.

Dated this 25th day of August two thousand and sixteen.

Rosarii Mannion
National Director of Human Resources

- These eligibility criteria are due for review in April 2017.