Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist  Grade Code 3707

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 Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist in the HSE.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

Category A:

(i) Individuals who qualify before the 30th September 2016 and have not engaged in the practice of the profession in the Republic of Ireland

OR

(ii) Individuals who qualified before the 30th September 2016 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 30th September 2011 and 30th September 2016

OR

(iii) Individuals 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 the Health & Social Care Professionals Act, 2005

must satisfy the following:

a) Hold a qualification approved by the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU:

(i) The B.Sc (Honours) degree in Physiotherapy from the University of Dublin*

*The award granted after completing the four year study programme in the University of Dublin.

Or

(ii) Degree of Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Physiotherapy, National University of Ireland, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Or

(iii) Degree of Bachelor of Physiotherapy from University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin.
Or

(iv) Honours Degree Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy) from University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin.

Or

(v) The B.Sc (Honours) Degree in Physiotherapy from the University of Limerick.

Or

(vi) Master of Science Physiotherapy (Pre-registration) from University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin.

Or

(vii) The Diploma in Physiotherapy of the University of Dublin or the National University of Ireland, Dublin.

b) Hold a comparable qualification recognised by the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists.

Or

c) Submit proof to the HSE of their application for recognition of their qualifications from the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU by the date specified by the HSE.

And

d) Have 5 years full time (or equivalent) years post qualification clinical experience of which 4 years must be consecutive in the required area of specialism.

And

e) Demonstrate a proven record of clinical excellence in the specialism.

And

f) Professional Development and Practice

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.

And

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

And

g) Submit proof to the HSE of their application for registration as a Physiotherapist (under standard arrangements section 38) on the Physiotherapists Register maintained by the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU before a contract of employment can be offered.

And

h) 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.
Category B:

Individuals who qualified before the 30th September 2016 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 30th September 2011 and 30th September 2016 must satisfy the following:

a) Hold a qualification recognised by the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU:

(i) The B.Sc (Honours) degree in Physiotherapy from the University of Dublin

Or

(ii) Degree of Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Physiotherapy, National University of Ireland, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Or

(iii) Degree of Bachelor of Physiotherapy from University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin.

Or

(iv) Honours Degree Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy) from University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin.

Or

(v) The B.Sc. (Honours) Degree in Physiotherapy from the University of Limerick

Or

(vi) Master of Science Physiotherapy (Pre-registration) from University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin.

Or

(vii) The Diploma in Physiotherapy of the University of Dublin or the National University of Ireland, Dublin.

Or

(viii) A non-Irish physiotherapy qualification recognised by CORU or the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists.

Or

b) Hold a qualification previously recognised by the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists.

And

c) Have had 5 years full time (or equivalent) years post qualification experience of which 4 years must have been consecutive in the required area of specialism.

And

d) Demonstrate a proven record of clinical excellence in the specialism.

And

e) Professional Development and Practice

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.

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

And

f) 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. Registration on the Physiotherapists register
   Category A
   Appointees who subsequently fail to achieve the necessary registration on the Physiotherapists Register maintained by the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU will not be able to continue in the role of a Physiotherapist beyond the 30th September 2018.

   Category B
   Appointees must have applied for registration with CORU by the 30th September 2018.

3. Annual registration
   (i) Practitioners must maintain annual registration on the Physiotherapists Register maintained by the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU.

   And

   (ii) Confirm annual registration with CORU to the HSE by way of the annual Patient Safety Assurance Certificate (PSAC).

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 July two thousand and seventeen

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Rosarii Mannion
National Director of Human Resources

Note: These eligibility criteria will be reviewed in September 2018