



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 Health Service Executive.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

(a) Candidates for appointment must:

- (i) Hold a Physiotherapy qualification recognised by the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU.

AND

- (ii) Be registered on the Physiotherapists Register maintained by the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU.

OR

- (iii) Applicants who satisfy the conditions set out in Section 91 of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, **(see note 1 below*)**, must submit proof of application for registration with the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU. The acceptable proof is correspondence from the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU confirming their application for registration as a Section 91 applicant.

AND

- (iv) All candidates must have 5 years full time (or equivalent) years post qualification clinical experience of which 4 years full time (or equivalent) must be consecutive in the required area of specialism.

AND

- (v) All candidates must demonstrate a proven record of clinical excellence in the specialism.

AND

(b) Professional Development and Practice

All 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

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

AND

- (c) All 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. Annual registration

- (i) On appointment practitioners must maintain annual registration on Physiotherapists Register maintained by the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU

And

- (ii) Practitioners must confirm annual registration with CORU to the HSE by way of the annual Patient Safety Assurance Certificate (PSAC).

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 17th day of June two thousand and twenty two



Anne Marie Hoey
National Director of Human Resources

Note 1*:

Section 91 candidates are individuals who qualified before 30 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 are considered to be Section 91 applicants under the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005.