



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Principal Medical Officer

Grade Code - 1791

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 **Principal Medical Officer** under a Health Board.

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

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

- (i) 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.
- (ii) Possess a Master in Public Health/Diploma in Public, MSc in Community Health or equivalent
- (iii) Possess one additional qualification from the following:
 - MICGP, MRCGP, MFPHMI, MFOH or other higher medical degree obtained by examination
 - Diploma in Child Health or Diploma in Medicine for the Elderly
 - Diploma in Medical Management or other recognised management
 - Diploma e.g. Diploma in Healthcare Management
 - Qualification in health economics

2. Experience

Each candidate must, on the latest date for receiving completed applications for the post have had, since becoming entitled to full registration, at least 7 years satisfactory experience in the practice of the medical profession. Each candidate must also have worked as a Senior Area Medical Officer or Area Medical Officer for 5 years or have obtained equivalent relevant experience.

The successful candidate is expected to have a working knowledge of the broader structure and functions of the Health Service including national strategies, policy documents and plans pertaining to the Community Medical Service. The candidate is also expected to have satisfactory experience in multidisciplinary, interagency work preferably in a managerial capacity.

3. **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.

4. **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.

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

Department of Health & Children

Dated 24th April 2004