Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhise Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Senior Psychologist – Grade Code 367Y

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 Senior Psychologist.

These qualifications will take effect on the signed date but without prejudice to anyone employed in
a post of basic grade psychologist or above in the Irish Public Health Service to whom the
qualification requirements for Psychologist – Community Care or Clinical in place at the 22nd
January, 2002 shall apply (see appendix 1 attached).

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

Candidates must

a) Hold

(i) a recognised University degree or diploma (NQAI Level 8 equivalent) obtained
with first or second class honours in which psychology was taken as a major
subject and honours obtained in that subject, and,

(ii) a postgraduate professional psychological qualification recognised by the
Psychological Society of Ireland in Clinical Psychology, or Counselling
Psychology or Educational Psychology as appropriate to the area of professional
psychology in which the position is designated,

OR

(iii) a postgraduate professional psychology qualification validated by the
Department of Health and Children in Clinical Psychology, or Counselling
Psychology or Educational Psychology as appropriate to the area of professional
psychology in which the position is designated

b) have at least five years satisfactory postgraduate experience in the area of professional
psychology in which the position is designated.

The five years experience must comprise of no more than three years full time
Post Graduate training and no less than two full years experience as a Staff Grade
Psychologist. Years in excess of the permitted three years for completion of the
Post Graduate training or time not worked cannot be taken into consideration
when assessing the five years experience requirement.

c) possess the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability and
management ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.

2. 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.
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 25th day of July, two thousand and nine.

[Signature]

Séan McGrath
National Director of Human Resources
APPENDIX 1 – Qualifications  ver 19 Aug 2009

Qualifications

Please note the qualifications below pertain only to candidates employed in a post of Basic Grade Psychologist or above in the Irish Public Health Service to whom the qualification requirements for Psychologist – Community Care or Clinical in place at the 22nd January, 2002 apply.

SENIOR CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST - DoHC (1979)

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc.

   A. On the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office, each candidate must –

      (a) (i) hold a recognised postgraduate qualification in clinical psychology and

            (ii) have had at least five years satisfactory postgraduate experience in clinical psychology inclusive of any time spent in pursuing a course leading to the postgraduate qualification;

            OR

      (b) (i) hold a recognised University degree or diploma obtained with first or second class honours in which Psychology was taken as a major subject and honours obtained in that subject (or hold a recognised qualification equivalent thereto);

            (ii) have had at least five years satisfactory post-graduate experience in clinical psychology;

SENIOR PSYCHOLOGIST (COMMUNITY CARE) - DoHC (1985)

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc.

   A. On the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office, each candidate must –

      (a) (i) hold a recognised University degree or diploma with first or second class honours in which Psychology was taken as a major subject and honours obtained in that subject

              or

              hold a recognised qualification equivalent thereto;

              and

      (ii) have had at least five years satisfactory postgraduate experience as a psychologist in the Clinical or Community Care areas of the health service

              OR

      (b) (i) hold a recognised postgraduate qualification in a clinical, educational, or community psychology and

      (ii) have had at least five years satisfactory post-graduate experience as a psychologist in the clinical or community care areas (inclusive of any time spent in pursuing a course leading to the postgraduate qualification).