



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Psychologist, Clinical	Grade Code 3689
Psychological, Counselling	Grade Code 3691
Psychologist, Educational	Grade Code 3690

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 **Psychologist – Clinical/Counselling/Educational** in the HSE **on or after 1st October 2019.**

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

(a) **Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:**

(i) Applicants must have a recognised university degree or diploma (QQI level 8 equivalent) obtained with 1st or 2nd class honours in which Psychology was taken as a major subject and honours obtained in that subject AND a recognised professional post-graduate qualification in clinical, counselling or educational psychology or an equivalent qualification validated by the Department of Health.

Or

(ii) Applicants with a clinical or counselling psychology qualification must demonstrate that they have acquired at least 60 days or equivalent supervised clinical placements in appropriate health settings in each of the three areas of Disability (Child and Adult), Child Psychology and Adult Psychology as part of the post-graduate professional qualification.

Or

(iii) Applicants with an educational psychology qualification must demonstrate that they have acquired at least 60 days or equivalent supervised clinical placements in appropriate health settings in both areas of Child disability and Child Psychology as part of the post-graduate professional qualification.

And

(iv) Candidates must possess the requisite knowledge and ability, including a high standard of suitability and ability), for the proper discharge of the office.

The above eligibility criteria apply without prejudice to applicants employed in a post of Psychologist or above in the Irish public health service at October 2002.

Note: Combinations of supervised clinical placement experience as part of the qualification and post qualification supervised work experience within a single care group area to give a total of 60 days are not acceptable.

2. **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.

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.