



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

<p><b>Psychologist</b> <b>(Grade Code 3689, 3690,3691)</b></p>
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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** in the HSE **up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 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 (QQ1 level 8 equivalent) obtained with 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**And**

- (ii) Applicants with a clinical or counselling psychology qualification must demonstrate that they have acquired in appropriate health settings, for the areas for which they wish to apply - Disability (Child and Adult), Child Psychology, Adult Psychology - either at least 60 days or equivalent supervised clinical placements as part of the professional qualification or at least 60 days or equivalent post qualification supervised work experience as a psychologist.

**Or**

- (iii) Applicants with an educational psychology qualification must demonstrate that they have acquired in appropriate health settings for the areas for which they wish to apply - Child Disability, Child Psychology - either at least 60 days or equivalent supervised clinical placements as part of the professional qualification or at least 60 days or equivalent post qualification supervised work experience as a psychologist.

**And**

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

\* These eligibility criteria will remain in effect until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.