Clinical Specialist Radiographer - Grade Code 3131

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 Clinical Specialist Radiographer in either Group A, Group B or Group C as specified below.

Group A:
Clinical Specialist Radiographer in the specialities of CT, MRI, Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, PET / CT, and Mammography

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc
   (a) Candidates must on the latest date for receipt of application forms for the post:
      (i) Possess the Diploma from the College of Radiographers.
      or;
      (ii) Possess a B.Sc. in Radiography at level 8 (NQF).
      or;
      (iii) Possess a qualification at least equivalent to (i) or (ii) above as validated by the competent authority.
      and;
      (b) Candidates must have not less that 6 years fulltime post qualification clinical experience.
      and;
      (c) Candidates must possess a recognised postgraduate course (NFQ Level 9) in the relevant speciality, as recognised by the IIRRT and have no less than 4 years practical clinical experience working in the speciality. Practical clinical experience will include time assigned to work in the relevant specialist area but needs to comply with the following breakdown:
         o Pre commencement of a postgraduate course (maximum of 1 year* allowed);
         o Time spent completing the post graduate course (maximum of 1 year** allowed);
         o A minimum of 2 years experience* following completion of a postgraduate course.
   *A minimum of 12 weeks assigned to work in the relevant specialised area will be required for each relevant year to be counted.
   **The research component of a postgraduate programme will count towards the post course time once the Radiographer has successfully completed the taught components of the programme.
   and;
   (d) Candidates must 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 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.

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**Group B:**

**Clinical Specialist Radiographer in Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)**

*(Please see separate eligibility criteria for “Radiographer, Clinical Specialist in PACS/RIS)*

1. **Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**
   (a) Candidates must on the latest date for receipt of application forms for the post:
      (i) Possess the Diploma from the College of Radiographers;
        or;
      (ii) Possess a B.Sc. in Radiography at level 8 (NFQ);
        or;
      (iii) Possess a qualification at least equivalent to (i) or (ii) above as validated by the competent authority;
        and;
      (b) have not less that 6 years fulltime post qualification clinical experience;
        and;
      (c) Possess a recognised postgraduate course (NFQ Level 8, minimum) in the relevant speciality, as recognised by the IIRRT and have no less than 4 years practical clinical experience working in the speciality.* Practical clinical experience will include time assigned to work in the relevant specialist area but needs to comply with the following breakdown:
        o Pre commencement of a postgraduate course (maximum of 1 year* allowed);
        o Time spent completing the post graduate course (maximum of 1 year* allowed);
        o A minimum of 2 years experience* following completion of a postgraduate course.
        o
        *A minimum of 12 weeks assigned to work in the relevant specialised area will be required for each relevant year to be counted.
      **The research component of a postgraduate programme will count towards the post course time once the Radiographer has successfully completed the taught components of the programme.
        and;
      (d) 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.

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**Group C:**
Clinical Specialist Radiographer in Interventional Radiology, Endovascular, Cardiovascular, Neurovascular, Endoscopic screening, Emergency Department X-ray, Operating Theatre and DXA, and where no recognised postgraduate qualification in the speciality exists (NFQ level 8 or level 9) as recognised by the IIRRT.

1. **Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**
   (a) Candidates must, on the latest date for receipt of application forms for the post:
      (i) Posses the Diploma from the College of Radiographers;
   
   or;
   
   (ii) Possess a B.Sc. in Radiography at level 8 (NFQ);
    
   or;
   
   (iii) Possess a qualification at least equivalent to (i) or (ii) above as validated by the competent authority;
   
   and;
   
   (b) Candidates must have not less that 6 years fulltime post qualification clinical experience;
   
   and;
   
   (c) Candidates must have not less that 6 years fulltime post qualification experience* in the speciality. Demonstrate evidence of validated up to date IIRRT CPD portfolio inclusive of activities that are complementary to the role.

   *A minimum of 12 weeks assigned to work in the relevant specialised area will be required for each relevant year to be counted.
   
   and;
   
   (d) Candidates must 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 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.

Dated this 4th day of October two thousand and eleven.

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Séan McGrath,
National Director of Human Resources.