

**Register of Medical Practitioners**

On 16th March 2009, the Register of Medical Practitioners was established under section 43 of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 and replaced the General Register of Medical Practitioners and the Register of Medical Specialists, which were established under the Medical Practitioners Act 1978. The Register comprises **four Divisions** and is maintained by the Irish Medical Council. A medical practitioner can only be registered in one Division at a time, except for a specialist training in another specialty.

**Trainee Specialist Registration** is specifically for medical practitioners who practise in individually numbered, identifiable postgraduate training posts, so that they may complete all or part of their medical specialist training in Ireland and be awarded a Higher/Specialist qualification.

**A Essential professional requirement for appointment to Irish Medical Council approved postgraduate training post**

Each successful candidate for appointment to individually numbered, identifiable postgraduate training posts must hold

**Trainee Specialist Registration** in the Trainee Specialised Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Irish Medical Council no later than the first day of that appointment.

**Health**

A candidate 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.

**Character**

Each candidate for and any person holding the office must be of good character

**Age**

Age restrictions shall only apply to a candidate where he/she is not classified as a new entrant (within the meaning of the Public Service Superannuation Act, 2004). A candidate who is not classified as a new entrant must be under 65 years of age.