



Specialist Paramedic – National Ambulance Service Grade Code 3188
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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 **Specialist Paramedic – National Ambulance Service** in the Health Service Executive.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

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

1.	(i)	Be currently registered, and maintain registration on the Advanced Paramedic Division of the Register as held by the Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council.
AND		
	(ii)	Have at least three years post registration experience as an Advanced Paramedic
OR		
2.	(i)	Be currently registered, and maintain registration on the Paramedic Division of the Register as held by the Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council.
AND		
	(ii)	Have at least five years post registration experience as a Paramedic
AND		
3.	(i)	Hold a Specialist Paramedic educational award in a recognised* sub-speciality at QQI Level 9 or equivalent. (See Note 1* below)
OR		
	(ii)	Have achieved a recognized* Specialist Paramedic Award at QQI Level 9 or equivalent. (See Note 1* below)
AND		
4.		All candidates must hold a current full Class C1 driving licence

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

2. 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. The post holder must be capable at all times of undertaking the fundamental duties of this role.

3. Character

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

Dated this 14th day of September two thousand and twenty three



**John Delamere *on behalf of*
Anne Marie Hoey
National Director of Human Resources**

Note 1*

***Examples include (this is not an exhaustive list):**

For candidates registered as Advanced Paramedics:

- *Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Paramedic Practice (NFQ Level 9, Minor Award) (UCC)*
- *Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Paramedic Practice (NFQ Level 9, Major Award) (UCC)*

For candidates registered as Paramedics or Advanced Paramedics:

- *MSc. Specialist Paramedic Practice (NFQ Level 9, Major Award) (UCC)*
- *MSc. Emergency Medical Science (Advanced Paramedic) (UCD)*
- *MSc. Advanced Paramedic Practice (Glasgow)*
- *MSc. Retrieval and Transport Medicine (Glasgow)*
- *MSc. Critical Care (Edinburgh)*