Speech & Language Therapist, Senior (Grade Code 3379)

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 a Speech & Language Therapist, Senior in the HSE.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

Category A:

(i) Individuals who qualified before the 31st October 2014 and have not engaged in the practice of the profession in the Republic of Ireland must:

a) Hold a qualification recognised by the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU:

   (i) Bachelor of Science (Speech and Language Studies) from the University of Dublin
       or
   (ii) Bachelor of Arts (Moderatorship) (Remedial Linguistics) from the University of Dublin
       or
   (iii) Bachelor of Arts (Remedial Linguistics) from the University of Dublin
       or
   (iv) Master of Science in Speech and Language Therapy (Professional Qualification) from the University of Limerick
       or
   (v) Licentiate of the College of Speech Therapists
       or
   (vi) Bachelor in Science in Clinical Speech and Language Studies, University of Dublin, Trinity College Dublin
       or
   (vii) Bachelor of Science (Speech and Language Therapy), University College Cork
       or
   (viii) Bachelor of Science (Speech and Language Therapy), National University of Ireland, Galway
       or

b) Hold a comparable qualification recognised by the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU

   or

   c) Hold a qualification previously recognised by the Department of Health¹

   or

¹ In relation non Irish qualifications and in respect of persons to whom Directive 2005/36/EC applies
d) Submit proof to the HSE of their application for recognition, or proof of recognition, of their current qualifications to the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board by the date specified by the HSE

and

e) Have three years full time (or an aggregate of three years full time) post qualification clinical experience.

and

f) Submit proof to the HSE of their application for registration on the Speech and Language Therapists Register maintained by the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU before a contract of employment can be offered.

and

g) Have the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability, management, leadership and professional ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office

OR

(ii) Individuals who qualified before the 31st October 2014 and have been engaged in the practice of the profession for less than 2 years full time, (or an aggregate of 2 years full time), in the Republic of Ireland between 31st October 2009 and 30th October 2014 must:

OR

(iii) Individuals who do not meet Category A (i) or (ii) (above) or Category B (below) and who are deemed eligible by CORU for registration under Section 38 of the Health & Social Care Professionals Act, 2005 must:

a) Hold a qualification recognised by the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU:

(i) Bachelor of Science (Speech and Language Studies) from the University of Dublin

or

(ii) Bachelor of Arts (Moderatorship) (Remedial Linguistics) from the University of Dublin

or

(iii) Bachelor of Arts (Remedial Linguistics) from the University of Dublin

or

(iv) Master of Science in Speech and Language Therapy (Professional Qualification) from the University of Limerick

or

(v) Licentiatesship of the College of Speech Therapists

or

(vi) Bachelor in Science in Clinical Speech and Language Studies, University of Dublin, Trinity College Dublin

or

(vii) Bachelor of Science (Speech and Language Therapy), University College Cork

or

(viii) Bachelor of Science (Speech and Language Therapy), National University of Ireland,
Galway

or

b) Hold a comparable qualification recognised by the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU

or

c) Hold a qualification previously recognised by the Department of Health\(^1\)

or

d) Submit proof to the HSE of their application for recognition, or proof of recognition, of their current qualifications to the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board by the date specified by the HSE

and

e) Have three years full time (or an aggregate of three years full time) post qualification experience.

And

f) Submit proof to the HSE of their application for registration on the Speech and Language Therapists Register maintained by the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU before a contract of employment can be offered.

and

g) Have the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability, management, leadership and professional ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office

Category B:
Individuals who qualified before the 31st October 2014 and have been engaged in the practice of the profession in the Republic of Ireland for a minimum of two (2) years fulltime, ( or an aggregate of 2 years fulltime), between 31\(^{st}\) October 2009 and 30\(^{th}\) October 2014 must:

a) hold a qualification recognised by the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU;

(i) Bachelor of Science (Speech and Language Studies) from the University of Dublin

or

(ii) Bachelor of Arts (Moderatorship) (Remedial Linguistics) from the University of Dublin

or

(iii) Bachelor of Arts (Remedial Linguistics) from the University of Dublin

or

(iv) Master of Science in Speech and Language Therapy (Professional Qualification) from the University of Limerick

or

(v) Licentiateship of the College of Speech Therapists

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\(^1\) In relation non Irish qualifications and in respect of persons to whom Directive 2005/36/EC applies
or Bachelor in Science in Clinical Speech and Language Studies, University of Dublin, Trinity College Dublin

or Bachelor of Science (Speech and Language Therapy), University College Cork

or Bachelor of Science (Speech and Language Therapy), National University of Ireland, Galway

b) Hold a qualification previously recognised by the Department of Health¹

and

c) Have three years full time (or an aggregate of three years full time) post qualification experience.

and

d) Have the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability, management, leadership and professional ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.

2. **Registration on the Speech and Language Therapists Register**

**Category A**
Appointees who subsequently fail to achieve the necessary registration in the Speech and Language Therapists Register maintained by the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU will not be able to continue in the role of a Speech and Language Therapist beyond the 30th October 2016.

**Category B**
Appointees must have applied for registration with CORU by the 30th October 2016.

3. **Annual registration**
Practitioners must maintain live annual registration on the Speech and Language Therapists Register maintained by the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU.

4. **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.

5. **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.
6. **Character**  
   Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

Dated this 9th day of June two thousand and sixteen

[Signature]

Rosarii Mannion  
**National Director of Human Resources**

**Note:** These eligibility criteria will be reviewed in October 2016.