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**DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH**
AN ROINN
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Seaport
Health Centre

Chief Executive Officer
Each Health Board

Secretary/Manager/Chief Executive
Each Public Voluntary & Joint Board Hospital

Re: Pharmaceutical Technicians

Dear Sir/Madam

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to this Department's circular of 14 December 1994 (S202/31) concerning the grades of Basic and Senior Pharmaceutical Technician. Paragraph 3.2 of that Circular mentioned a proposal to have qualifications for eligibility for entry to each of these grades officially declared.

Under Section 18 of the Health Act, 1970, the Minister for Health now declares qualifications for the grades of Basic and Senior Pharmaceutical Technician with effect from 30 January 1997. A copy of the declarations is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely

Nessa O'Doherty
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Personnel Management & Development

Qualifications for Basic Grade Pharmaceutical Technician

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 18 of the Health Act, 1970, I hereby approve qualifications as set out hereunder for appointment and continuing as Basic Grade Pharmaceutical Technician under a Health Board.

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc.

Each candidate must, on the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office, possess:

- (a) the Pharmaceutical Technicians Diploma awarded by the University of Dublin

or

- (b) a recognised qualification at least equivalent to (a) above.

2. Age

Candidates must be under 55 years of age on the first day of the month in which the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office occurs. This age limit will not apply in the case of existing pensionable officers of Health Boards or Local Authorities in the State.


3. Health

Each candidate for and any person holding office must be free from any defect or disease which would render him/her unsuitable to hold 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

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

Dated this 30th day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and
ninety seven


Michael Noonan TD
MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Qualifications for Senior Grade Pharmaceutical Technician

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 18 of the Health Act, 1970, I hereby approve qualifications as set out hereunder for appointment and continuing as Senior Grade Pharmaceutical Technician under a Health Board.

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc.

Each candidate must, on the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office, possess:

- (a) the Pharmaceutical Technicians Diploma awarded by the University of Dublin

or

- (b) a recognised qualification at least equivalent to (a) above

and

- (c) at least three years' satisfactory post-qualification experience.

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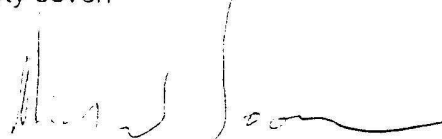
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