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**RE: Revised qualifications for the posts of Medical Scientist, Senior Medical Scientist and Chief Medical Scientist**

Dear Chief Executive Officer

A revised draft showing the proposed qualifications for the above posts are attached for your information. Further to letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> April 2002 from Ms Nuala Coleman, the current proposed qualifications incorporate and reflect amendments received at that time.

Any final observations you might have on these revised draft qualifications would be much appreciated and should be forwarded to the undersigned before **Friday, 13th December, 2002.**

Yours sincerely

*Paul Flanagan*  
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Personnel Management and Development Unit

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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 as Medical Scientist under a Health Board.

**1. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE ETC.**

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

- (a) possess the Bachelor in Science (Applied Science) Honours degree (Biomedical option) from the University of Dublin/Dublin Institute of Technology, Kevin Street;

or

- (b) possess the Bachelor in Science Honours degree in Biomedical Science from the Joint University College Cork-Cork Institute of Technology course;

or

- (c) possess the Diploma in Medical Laboratory Sciences of the Dublin Institute of Technology, Kevin Street or the Cork Institute of Technology awarded prior to 1994;

or

- (d) possess the Certificate in Medical Laboratory Sciences of the Dublin Institute of Technology, Kevin Street or the Cork Institute of Technology or the Galway/Mayo Institute of Technology (awarded prior to 1997);

or

- (e) possess a recognised qualification at least equivalent to (a) or (b) above;

and

- (f) be a member of, or be eligible for membership of the Academy of Medical Laboratory Science (MAMLS) or, prior to 1997, possess or be eligible for associate membership of the Academy of Medical Laboratory Science (AMAMLS).

2. **AGE**

Candidates 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**

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

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

Dated this      day of  
two thousand and two.

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Minister for Health and Children.

**DRAFT**

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 as Senior Medical Scientist under a Health Board.

1. **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE ETC.**

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

- (a) possess the Bachelor in Science (Applied Science) Honours degree (Biomedical option) from the University of Dublin/Dublin Institute of Technology, Kevin Street;

or

- (b) possess the Bachelor in Science Honours degree in Biomedical Science from the Joint University College Cork-Cork Institute of Technology course;

or

- (c) possess the Diploma in Medical Laboratory Sciences of the Dublin Institute of Technology, Kevin Street or the Cork Institute of Technology awarded prior to 1994;

or

- (d) possess a recognised qualification at least equivalent to (a) or (b) above;

and

- (e) possess a postgraduate degree in the field of Medical Laboratory Science;

or

- (f) have attained the fellowship examination of the Institute of Biomedical Science;

and

- (g) possess fellowship of the Academy of Medical Laboratory Science (FAMLS) or be eligible for fellowship;

and

- (i) possess four years experience in a medical laboratory since qualifying as a Medical Scientist.

2. The requirements at 1(e) (f) and (g) will not come into effect until 1 April 2007 in respect of a candidate who

- (a) holds the qualifications set out in 1(a), (b), (c) or (d) and
- (b) is a member of, or is eligible for membership of, the Academy of Medical Laboratory Science (MAMLS) and
- (c) was employed as a Medical Scientist (Medical Laboratory Technician) in the health service on or before 1 April 2000.

3. **AGE**

Candidates 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.

4. **HEALTH**

Each candidate for and any person holding the office must be free from any defect or disease which would render him/her unsuitable to hold the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

5. **CHARACTER**

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**DRAFT**

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 as Chief Medical Scientist under a Health Board.

**1. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE ETC.**

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

- (a) possess the Bachelor in Science (Applied Science) Honours degree (Biomedical option) from the University of Dublin/Dublin Institute of Technology, Kevin Street;

or

- (b) possess the Bachelor in Science Honours degree in Biomedical Science from the Joint University College Cork-Cork Institute of Technology course;

or

- (c) possess the Diploma in Medical Laboratory Sciences of the Dublin Institute of Technology, Kevin Street or the Cork Institute of Technology awarded prior to 1994;

or

- (d) possess a recognised qualification at least equivalent to (a) or (b) above;

and

- (e) possess a postgraduate degree in the field of Medical Laboratory Science;

or

- (f) have attained the fellowship examination of the Institute of Biomedical Science;

and

(g) possess fellowship of the Academy of Medical Laboratory Science (FAMLS) or be eligible for fellowship;

and

(h) have had at least seven years experience in a medical laboratory since qualifying as a Medical Scientist, two years of which were spent in a promotional post.

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