



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Principal Psychologist – Grade Code 3727

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 **Principal Psychologist**

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

Candidates must

- a) Hold
 - (i) a recognised University degree or diploma obtained with first or second class honours in which psychology was taken as a major subject and honours obtained in that subject, and,
 - (ii) a recognised postgraduate professional psychological qualification appropriate to the area of professional psychology in which the position is designated.
- b) have at least eight years satisfactory post graduate experience in the area of professional psychology in which the position is designated inclusive of any time spent in pursuing a course leading to the postgraduate qualification and including at least three years satisfactory experience in a senior capacity
- c) Candidates must possess the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability and management ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.

2. Age

Age restriction shall only apply to a candidate where he/she 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.

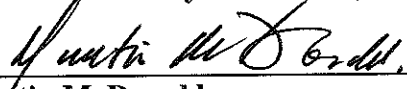
3. Health

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.

4. Character

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

Dated this 30th day of October, two thousand and seven,



Martin McDonald
Acting National of Human Resources