



**Audiologist Staff grade**

**Grade Code 3441**

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 **Audiologist** in the Health Service Executive.

**1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**

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

<b>(A)</b>	<b>(i)</b>	Hold the two year full time M.Sc.in Audiology awarded by the National University of Ireland, University College Cork at Level 9 on the Quality and Qualifications of Ireland (QQI) framework, which includes a licence to practice clinical audiology in Ireland
<b>OR</b>		
	<b>(ii)</b>	Hold an equivalent qualification in Audiology awarded in another jurisdiction validated by the Department of Health (An Roinn Sláinte) ( <b>See Note 1* below</b> )
<b>OR</b>		
<b>(B)</b>		Hold the BSc (Hons) in Audiology awarded by Athlone Institute of Technology awarded in 2016 only, at Level 8 on the Quality and Qualifications of Ireland (QQI) framework.
<b>OR</b>		
<b>(C)</b>		Candidates currently working as an Audiologist or Audiological Scientist within the Irish Health System must hold:
	(a)	a qualification equivalent to (A) above
		<b>OR</b>
	(b)	The British Association of Audiologists Examinations Parts 1 & 2 (or its predecessor)
		<b>OR</b>
	(c)	A qualification equivalent to <b>(C)</b> , (a), (b).
<b>AND</b>		
<b>(D)</b>		Candidates must provide evidence of audiological competence relevant to the scope of practice required for the role. ( <b>See Note 2* below</b> ).
<b>AND</b>		
<b>(E)</b>		Candidates who did not complete the required studies through the medium of English must demonstrate their proficiency in the English language through the submission of certification from the International English Language Testing System [IES TS]. An overall score of 7.00 is required with a minimum of Reading 6.5, Writing 7, Listening 6.5, and Speaking 7.

**AND**

<b>(F)</b>	Candidates must possess the requisite Audiological competency, professional knowledge experience, and ability (including a high standard of suitability and administrative ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office
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<b>*Note 1</b>	In addition to this requirement, documentation should be provided to indicate that the qualification entitles the candidate to practise as an audiologist in the country where they qualified
<b>*Note 2</b>	Certified evidence of clinical competency may take the form of formal certification (e.g. CCC, CAC etc) or formal written statements from reliable clinical or academic sources confirming competence in one or more areas of practice.

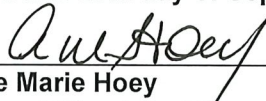
**2. Health**

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.

**3. Character**

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

Dated this 29th day of September two thousand and twenty

  
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Anne Marie Hoey  
National Director of Human Resources

***This criteria will be reviewed in September 2021***