



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

**Social Care Worker**

**Grade Code 3029**

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 **Social Care Worker**.

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

**2.**

(a) Candidates must,

(i) Possess the National Diploma in Childcare awarded by HETAC/DIT

**or**

(ii) Possess the National Diploma in Applied Social Care Studies awarded by HETAC/DIT

**or**

(iii) Possess the Diploma in Social Care awarded by HETAC/DIT

**or**

(iv) Possess the Diploma in Applied Social Studies/Social Care from DIT.

**or**

(v) Possess a BA (Ord) in Social Care Practice (Level 7 on the NQAI framework).

**or**

(vi) Possess Open Training College National Diploma in Applied Social Studies (Disability).

**or**

(vii) Possess an equivalent qualification

**and**

(b) Candidates must have a suitable standard of professional attainments.

**and**

(c) Candidates must have the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability and ability for the proper discharge of the duties of the office).

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. Character**

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

**Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May two thousand and twelve.**

**Barry O'Brien**  
**National Director of Human Resources.**