



Medical Scientist, Chief

Grade Code 3876

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 an **Medical Scientist, Chief** in the Health Service Executive.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

(a)	Candidates for appointment must:
(i)	Be registered, or be eligible for registration, on the Medical Scientists Register maintained by the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU.
OR	
(ii)	Applicants who satisfy the conditions set out in Section 91 of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, (see note 1 below*), must submit proof of application for registration with the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU. The acceptable proof is correspondence from the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU confirming their application for registration as a Section 91 applicant was received by the 30 th March 2021.
AND	
(iii)	<p>Possess one of the following NFQ Level 9 post graduate qualifications or equivalent qualification at minimum Level 9 validated by the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine;</p> <p>MSc Clinical Laboratory Science, Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT).</p> <p>MSc Clinical Laboratory Science, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin).</p> <p>MSc Clinical Chemistry, University of Dublin, Trinity College (TCD). MSc Biomedical Science, University of Ulster (UU)</p> <p>MSc Biomedical Science, Cork Institute of Technology (CIT)/University College Cork (UCC).</p> <p>MSc Biomedical Science, Munster Technological University (MTU)/University College Cork (UCC).</p> <p>MSc Molecular Pathology, Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT)/University of Dublin, Trinity College (TCD).</p> <p>MSc Medical Science, Atlantic Technological University (ATU)</p>
OR	
(iv)	An equivalent qualification at minimum Level 9 validated by the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM).
OR	
(v)	Possess Fellowship of the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine awarded before July 2018.
OR	
(vi)	Have attained the Fellowship examination of the Institute of Biomedical Science (Awarded prior to 1999).

	AND
(vii)	Possess at least seven years full time clinical experience (or an aggregate of seven years full time clinical experience) as a medical scientist in a clinical diagnostic laboratory since qualifying as a medical scientist, two years of which were spent in a promotional post (e.g. Medical Scientist, Senior or Medical Scientist, Specialist).
	AND
(viii)	Demonstrate evidence of Continuous Professional Development.
	AND
(ix)	Candidates must have the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability, management, leadership and professional ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.
	AND
(x)	Provide proof of Statutory Registration on the Medical Scientists Register maintained by the Medical Scientists Registration Board at CORU before a contract of employment can be issued. (<i>Applicable to Section 38 applicants only</i>).

2. Annual registration* (*Applicable to Section 38 Applicants only*)

(i)	On appointment practitioners must maintain annual registration on the Medical Scientists Register maintained by the Medical Registration Board at CORU
	AND
(ii)	Practitioners must confirm annual registration with CORU to the HSE by way of the annual Patient Safety Assurance Certificate (PSAC).

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 6th day of June two thousand and twenty four

Anne Marie Hoey
National Director – Human Resources

Note 1*

Section 91 candidates are individuals who qualified before 31st March 2019 and have been engaged in the practice of the profession in the Republic of Ireland for a minimum of 2 years fulltime (or an aggregate of 2 years fulltime), between 31st March 2014 and 31st March 2019 are considered to be Section 91 applicants under the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005.

Note 2*

For information in relation to the type of applicants – please click on this link:

<https://coru.ie/health-and-social-care-professionals/registration/what-kind-of-applicant-am-i/>

This criteria will be reviewed in March 2025