

Qualifications for Consultant posts in the public health service as specified by the Health Service Executive
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Anaesthesiology

Title

1.1 **Consultant Anaesthesiologist**

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of anaesthesiology.

1.2a **Consultant Paediatric Anaesthesiologist**

(a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of anaesthesiology

and

(b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric anaesthesiology.

1.2b **Consultant Paediatric Anaesthesiologist s.i Paediatric Critical Care Medicine**

(a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of Anaesthesiology

and

(b) Two years certified postgraduate training or equivalent in paediatric anaesthesiology

and

(c) Two years certified postgraduate training or equivalent in paediatric critical care medicine

1.3 **Consultant Anaesthesiologist s.i paediatric anaesthesiology**

(a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of anaesthesiology

and

(b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric anaesthesiology.

1.4 **Consultant Anaesthesiologist s.i pain medicine**

(a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of anaesthesiology

and

(b) One year certified postgraduate training in pain medicine.

1.5 **Consultant Anaesthesiologist s.i intensive care medicine (updated May 2013)**

(a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of anaesthesiology

and

(b) One year certified postgraduate training in intensive care medicine and possession of the Fellowship of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland or its equivalent.

1.6 **Consultant in Pain Medicine (updated September 2015)**

(a) Registration as a specialist in the specialist division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of anaesthesiology

and

(b) Two years certified postgraduate training in pain medicine and possession of the Fellowship in Pain Medicine of The College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland or its equivalent.

Intensive Care

Title

11.1 **Consultant Intensivist (updated June 2020)**

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of Intensive Care Medicine

Or

(a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of anaesthesiology or one of the specialties of surgery or medicine

and

(b) Including two years certified postgraduate training in intensive care medicine and possession of the Fellowship of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland or its equivalent

11.2 **Consultant in Paediatric Intensive Care Medicine (updated November 2015)**

(a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics, anaesthesiology or paediatric surgery.

and

(b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric intensive care medicine.

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Dentistry

Title

13.1 Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry (updated December 2024)

- (a) Candidates must, on the latest date for receiving completed applications for the post be registered in the Register of Dentists for Ireland or be entitled to be so registered; **See Note 1**
- and**
- (b) Three years certified postgraduate specialist training in Paediatric Dentistry or equivalent
- and**
- (c) Be in possession of the Intercollegiate Specialty Fellowship or a minimum of twenty-four months in a full-time training post or equivalent part-time under the supervision of a named Consultant in the speciality, post qualification as a specialist. (Part-time training pro-rata to be attained within five years); **See Note 2**
- or**
- (d) An additional three years Consultant supervised post-graduate clinical practice experience in Specialist Paediatric Dentistry; **See Note 3**

* **Note 1:** Post holders must maintain annual registration in the general dental register and, where required, the relevant specialist register with the Dental Council of Ireland

Note 2: Equivalence to the standard of the Intercollegiate Specialty Fellowship Examination.

a) A minimum of twenty-four months in a full-time training post or equivalent part-time under the supervision of a named Consultant in the speciality, post qualification as a specialist. Part-time training pro-rata to be attained within five years

b) A written confirmation of satisfactory progress from the named Consultant Trainer including satisfactory completion of the appropriate number of competencies, if prescribed.

c) Supervised clinical experience on complex cases appropriate to the discipline, in a secondary or tertiary care setting, cross disciplinary care management, training, leadership, and confirmation of learning by exam/attestation/confirmation of acquired learning

Note 3: a) A minimum of thirty-six months under the supervision of a named Consultant in the speciality, post qualification as a specialist. Part – time pro – rata to be attained within five years. b) A written confirmation of satisfactory progress from the named Consultant including satisfactory completion of the appropriate number of competencies, if prescribed. c) Supervised clinical experience on complex cases appropriate to the discipline, in a secondary or tertiary care setting, cross disciplinary care management, training, leadership, and confirmation of learning by exam / attestation / confirmation of acquired learning.

13.2 Consultant in Restorative Dentistry (added November 2024)

- (a) Be registered in the Register of Dentists for Ireland or be entitled to be so registered; **See note 1**
- and**
- (b) Three years certified postgraduate specialist training in Restorative Dentistry (including either Prosthodontics, Periodontics or Endodontics) or equivalent
- and**
- (c) Possession of the Intercollegiate Specialty Fellowship or a minimum of twenty-four months in a full-time training post or equivalent part-time under the supervision of a named Consultant in the speciality, post qualification as a specialist. (Part-time training pro-rata to be attained within five years; **See note 2**
- or**
- (d) An additional three years Consultant supervised post-graduate clinical practice experience in Specialist Restorative Dentistry; **See note 3**

* **Note 1:** Post holders must maintain annual registration in the general dental register and, where required, the relevant specialist register with the Dental Council of Ireland

Note 2: Equivalence to the standard of the Intercollegiate Specialty Fellowship Examination.

a) A minimum of twenty-four months in a full-time training post or equivalent part-time under the supervision of a named Consultant in the speciality, post qualification as a specialist. Part-time training pro-rata to be attained within five years

b) A written confirmation of satisfactory progress from the named Consultant Trainer including satisfactory completion of the appropriate number of competencies, if prescribed.

c) Supervised clinical experience on complex cases appropriate to the discipline, in a secondary or tertiary care setting, cross disciplinary care management, training, leadership, and confirmation of learning by exam/attestation/confirmation of acquired learning

Note 3: a) A minimum of thirty-six months under the supervision of a named Consultant in the speciality, post qualification as a specialist. Part – time pro – rata to be attained within five years. b) A written confirmation of satisfactory progress from the named Consultant including satisfactory completion of the appropriate number of competencies, if prescribed. c) Supervised clinical experience on complex cases appropriate to the discipline, in a secondary or tertiary care setting, cross disciplinary care management, training, leadership, and confirmation of learning by exam / attestation / confirmation of acquired learning

13.3 Consultant Orthodontist (added December 2024)

- (a) (i) Be registered in the Register of Dentists for Ireland or be entitled to be so registered; **See Note 1**
- (ii) Be registered in the Register of Dental Specialists for Ireland, division of Orthodontics, or be entitled to be so registered; **See Note 1**
- and**
- (b) Be in possession of the Intercollegiate Specialty Fellowship or a minimum of twenty-four months in a full-time training post or equivalent part-time under the supervision of a named Consultant in the speciality, post qualification as a specialist. (Part-time training pro-rata to be attained within five years); **See Note 2**
- or**
- (c) An additional three years Consultant supervised post-graduate clinical practice experience in Specialist Orthodontics; **See Note 3**

* **Note 1:** Post holders must maintain annual registration in the general dental register and, where required, the relevant specialist register with the Dental Council of Ireland

Note 2: Equivalence to the standard of the Intercollegiate Specialty Fellowship Examination.

a) A minimum of twenty-four months in a full-time training post or equivalent part-time under the supervision of a named Consultant in the speciality, post qualification as a specialist. Part-time training pro-rata to be attained within five years

b) A written confirmation of satisfactory progress from the named Consultant Trainer including satisfactory completion of the appropriate number of competencies, if prescribed.

c) Supervised clinical experience on complex cases appropriate to the discipline, in a secondary or tertiary care setting, cross disciplinary care management, training, leadership, and confirmation of learning by exam/attestation/confirmation of acquired learning

Note 3 : a) A minimum of thirty-six months under the supervision of a named Consultant in the specialty, post qualification as a specialist. Part – time pro – rata to be attained within five years. b) A written confirmation of satisfactory progress from the named Consultant including satisfactory completion of the appropriate number of competencies, if prescribed. c) Supervised clinical experience on complex cases appropriate to the discipline (including in the area of cleft lip and palate and orthognathic surgery), in a secondary or tertiary care setting, cross disciplinary care management, training, leadership, and confirmation of learning by exam /attestation/ confirmation of acquired learning

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Medicine

Title

2.1 Consultant General Physician

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general (internal) medicine.

2.2 Consultant Cardiologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of cardiology.

2.3 Consultant Cardiologist & General Physician

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of cardiology and general (internal) medicine.

2.4 Consultant Respiratory & General Physician

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of respiratory medicine and general (internal) medicine.

2.5 Consultant Respiratory and General Physician s.i cystic fibrosis

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of respiratory medicine and general (internal) medicine
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in cystic fibrosis.

2.6 Consultant Respiratory and General Physician s.i thoracic organ transplantation

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of respiratory medicine and general (internal) medicine
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in thoracic organ transplantation.

2.7 Consultant Respiratory & General Physician s.i tuberculosis

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of respiratory medicine and general (internal) medicine
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in the management of tuberculosis patients.

2.8 Consultant Physician in Endocrinology and Diabetes Mellitus

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of endocrinology and diabetes mellitus and general (internal) medicine.

2.9 Consultant Gastroenterologist & General Physician

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of gastroenterology and general (internal) medicine.

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2.1 Consultant Gastroenterologist & General Physician s.i liver diseases

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of gastroenterology and general (internal) medicine
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in liver diseases.

2.11 Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of geriatric medicine and general (internal) medicine.

2.12 Consultant Rheumatologist & General Physician

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of rheumatology and general (internal) medicine.

2.13 Consultant Nephrologist & General Physician

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of nephrology and general (internal) medicine.

2.14 Consultant Neurologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of neurology.

2.15 Consultant Clinical Neurophysiologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of clinical neurophysiology.

2.16 Consultant Dermatologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of dermatology.

2.17 Consultant Dermatologist s.i paediatric dermatology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of dermatology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric dermatology.

2.18 Consultant Physician in Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of clinical pharmacology and therapeutics and general (internal) medicine.

2.19 Consultant General Physician s.i clinical pharmacology and therapeutics (added July 2011)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general (internal) medicine
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in clinical pharmacology and therapeutics.

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2.20 Consultant Physician in Infectious Diseases

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of infectious diseases and general (internal) medicine.

2.21 Consultant Physician in Genito-Urinary Medicine (updated January 2020)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of genito-urinary medicine.

2.22 Consultant in Clinical Genetics

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of clinical genetics.

2.23 Consultant Medical Oncologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of medical oncology.

2.24 Consultant in Palliative Medicine

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of palliative medicine.

2.25 Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of rehabilitation medicine.

2.26 Consultant Physician with a special interest in metabolic diseases (added June 2013)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in one of the specialties of medicine
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in metabolic diseases.

2.27 Academic Title / Consultant Physician

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in one of the specialties of medicine.

2.28 Academic Title / Consultant Rheumatologist (added 2011)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of rheumatology.

2.29 Academic Title / Consultant (added May 2012)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in any specialty.

2.3 Consultant in Cancer Genetics (added December 2018)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of clinical genetics or medical oncology.

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2.31 Consultant Physician in Infectious Diseases s.i intensive care medicine (added July 2019)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of infectious diseases and general (internal) medicine.
and
(b) One year certified postgraduate training in intensive care medicine and possession of the Fellowship of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland or its equivalent.

2.32 Consultant Medical Ophthalmologist (amended October 2018)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of Ophthalmology.

Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Title

3.1 Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of obstetrics and gynaecology.

3.2 Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist s.i gynaecological oncology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of obstetrics and gynaecology
and
(b) Two years certified postgraduate training in gynaecological oncology.

3.3 Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist s.i maternal-fetal medicine

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of obstetrics and gynaecology
and
(b) Two years certified postgraduate training in maternal-fetal medicine.

3.4 Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist s.i reproductive medicine

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of obstetrics and gynaecology
and
(b) Two years certified postgraduate training in reproductive medicine.

3.5 Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist s.i uro-gynaecology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of obstetrics and gynaecology
and
(b) Two years certified postgraduate training in uro-gynaecology.

3.6 Academic Title / Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist (added December 2018)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of obstetrics and gynaecology.

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Paediatrics

Title

4.1 Consultant General Paediatrician

Academic Title / Consultant Paediatrician

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics.

4.2 Consultant Paediatric Nephrologist

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
- and**
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric nephrology.

4.3 Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist (updated April 2023)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatric cardiology

or

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
- and**
- (b) Three years certified postgraduate training in paediatric cardiology.

4.4 Consultant Paediatrician si paediatric cardiology (added May 2014)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
- and**
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric cardiology.

4.5 Consultant Paediatric Respiratory Physician (updated April 2023)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
- and**
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric respiratory medicine.

4.6 Consultant Paediatric Oncologist

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
- and**
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in oncology / haematology.

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4.7 Consultant Paediatric Neurologist

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric neurology.

4.8 Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric endocrinology.

4.9 Consultant Paediatrician s.i metabolic diseases

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric metabolic diseases.

4.10 Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases (updated April 2023)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric infectious diseases.

4.11 Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric gastroenterology.

4.12 Consultant Paediatrician s.i community child health

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in community child health.

4.13 Consultant Paediatrician s.i paediatric neurodisability (updated July 2015)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric neurodisability.

4.14 Consultant Paediatrician s.i Rheumatology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric rheumatology.

4.15 Consultant Paediatrician s.i Palliative Medicine (updated April 2023)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric palliative care inclusive of at least 2 months training and experience in adult palliative medicine.

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4.15.1 Consultant in Paediatric Palliative Medicine (added April 2023)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric palliative care inclusive of at least 3 months training and experience in adult palliative medicine.

4.16 Consultant Neonatologist (updated Dec 2022)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of Neonatology
OR
Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of Paediatrics
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in neonatology.

Pathology

Title

5.1 Consultant Histopathologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of histopathology.

5.2 Consultant Paediatric Histopathologist

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of histopathology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric histopathology.

5.3 Consultant Histopathologist s.i cytology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of histopathology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in cytology.

5.4 Consultant Histopathologist s.i perinatal pathology (updated July 2020)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of histopathology
and
- (b) One year documented postgraduate evidence of training and/or satisfactory experience in the area of perinatal pathology.

5.5 Consultant Histopathologist s.i oral pathology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of histopathology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in oral pathology.

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5.6 Consultant Histopathologist s.i neuropathology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of histopathology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in neuropathology.

5.7 Consultant Neuropathologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty neuropathology.

5.8 Consultant Microbiologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of microbiology.

5.9 Consultant Microbiologist s.i virology (updated July 2020)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of microbiology
and
- (b) Two years documented postgraduate evidence of training and/or satisfactory experience in virology.

5.1 Consultant Chemical Pathologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of chemical pathology.

5.11 Consultant Paediatric Chemical Pathologist (updated July 2020)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of chemical pathology
and
- (b) Two years documented postgraduate evidence of training and/or satisfactory experience in the area of paediatric chemical pathology, including inborn errors of metabolism.

5.12 Consultant Haematologist (Clinical and Laboratory)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of haematology (clinical and laboratory).

5.13 Consultant Haematologist (Clinical and Laboratory) s.i paediatric haematology (updated September 2021)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of haematology (clinical and laboratory)
and
- (b) One year documented postgraduate evidence of training and/or experience assuring competence in paediatric haematology

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5.14 Consultant Haematologist (Clinical and Laboratory) s.i transfusion medicine

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of haematology (clinical and laboratory)
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in transfusion medicine.

5.15 Consultant Immunologist (Clinical and Laboratory)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of immunology (clinical and laboratory).

5.15.1 Consultant Immunologist (Clinical and Laboratory) s.i Transplant Immunology (added July 2020)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of immunology (clinical and laboratory).
and
- (b) One year post CSCST experience in the area of transplant immunology

5.16 Consultant Immunologist (Clinical and Laboratory) s.i paediatric immunology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of immunology (clinical and laboratory)
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric immunology.

5.17 Consultant Paediatric Immunologist (added 2012)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics or immunology (clinical and laboratory)
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric immunology.

5.18 Academic Title / Consultant Pathologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in one of the specialties of pathology.

5.19 Consultant Clinical Biochemist

- (a) The possession of a PhD Degree (in biochemistry) of a recognised university or the MRC Path. or a qualification in clinical biochemistry equivalent to either of these
and
- (b) Eight years post-graduate experience / training including five years in clinical biochemistry.

Psychiatry

Title

6.1 Consultant General Adult Psychiatrist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of psychiatry.

6.2 Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of child & adolescent psychiatry.

6.3 Consultant Psychiatrist in the psychiatry of Learning Disability (adult) (amended July 2014)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of psychiatry of learning disability.

6.4 Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist s.i psychiatry of learning disability (amended July 2018)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of child & adolescent psychiatry
and
(b) one year documented postgraduate evidence of training and/or experience assuring competence in the area of psychiatry of learning disability.

6.5 Consultant Psychiatrist in the Psychiatry of Old Age (amended July 2014)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of psychiatry of old age.

6.6 Consultant General Adult Psychiatrist s.i substance misuse (amended July 2018)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of psychiatry
and
(b) one year documented postgraduate evidence of training and/or experience assuring competence in the area of substance misuse.

6.7 Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist s.i substance misuse

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of child & adolescent psychiatry
and
(b) One year certified postgraduate training in substance misuse.

6.8 Consultant General Adult Psychiatrist s.i rehabilitation (amended July 2018)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of psychiatry
and
(b) one year documented postgraduate evidence of training and/or experience assuring competence in the area of rehabilitation psychiatry.

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6.9 Consultant General Adult Psychiatrist s.i liaison psychiatry (amended July 2018)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of psychiatry
and
- (b) one year documented postgraduate evidence of training and/or experience assuring competence in the area of liaison psychiatry.

6.10 Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of psychiatry
and
- (b) Three years certified postgraduate training in forensic psychiatry.

6.11 Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist s.i psychiatry of learning disability (added Sep 2014)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of psychiatry
and
- (b) Three years certified postgraduate training in forensic psychiatry
and
- (c) One year certified postgraduate training in the psychiatry of learning disability (adult).

6.12 Consultant General Adult Psychiatrist s.i forensic psychiatry

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of psychiatry
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in forensic psychiatry.

6.13 Consultant General Adult Psychiatrist s.i psychotherapy (amended July 2018)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of psychiatry
and
- (b) A postgraduate qualification in psychotherapy accredited by a national awarding organisation

6.14 Academic Title / Consultant Psychiatrist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in one of the specialties of psychiatry.

6.15 Consultant Child Forensic Psychiatrist (added May 2016)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of child & adolescent psychiatry
and
- (b) Three years certified postgraduate training in forensic psychiatry, of which one must be in child forensic psychiatry.

Radiology

Title

7.1 Consultant Radiologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiology.

7.2 Consultant Neuro-Radiologist

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiology
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in neuro-radiology.

7.3 Consultant Paediatric Radiologist

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiology
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in paediatric radiology.

7.4 Consultant Radiologist s.i paediatric radiology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric radiology.

7.5 Consultant Radiologist s.i vascular radiology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in vascular radiology.

7.6 Consultant Radiologist s.i nuclear medicine

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in nuclear medicine.

7.7 Consultant Radiologist s.i interventional radiology (updated November 2024)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiology
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in interventional radiology.

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7.8 Consultant Radiologist s.i breast radiology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in breast radiology.

7.9 Consultant Radiologist s.i musculo-skeletal radiology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in musculo-skeletal radiology.

7.10 Consultant Radiation Oncologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiation oncology.

7.10.1 Academic Title / Consultant Radiation Oncologist (added March 2020)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiation oncology.

7.11 Consultant Radiation Oncologist s.i paediatric radiation oncology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiation oncology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric radiation oncology.

7.12 Consultant Radiologist s.i Diagnostic Neuro-radiology (added November 2016)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of radiology
and
- (b) One year post graduate training in the specialty of neuro-radiology.

Surgery

Title

8.1 Consultant General Surgeon

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general surgery.

8.1.1 Consultant General Surgeon s.i Emergency Surgery (added July 2020)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general surgery.

8.2 Consultant General Surgeon s.i vascular surgery

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general surgery
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in vascular surgery.

8.2.1 Consultant Vascular Surgeon (added July 2020)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of vascular surgery.

8.3 Consultant General Surgeon with a special interest in gastrointestinal surgery

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general surgery
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in gastrointestinal surgery.

8.4 Consultant General Surgeon s.i upper gastrointestinal surgery

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general surgery
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in upper gastrointestinal surgery.

8.5 Consultant General Surgeon s.i colo-rectal surgery

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general surgery
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in colo-rectal surgery.

8.6 Consultant General Surgeon s.i breast and endocrine surgery

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general surgery
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in breast and endocrine surgery.

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8.7 Consultant General Surgeon s.i breast surgery

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general surgery
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in breast surgery.

8.8 Consultant General Surgeon s.i hepatobiliary surgery and liver transplantation

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general surgery
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in hepatobiliary surgery and liver transplantation.

8.9 Consultant General Surgeon s.i paediatric surgery

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general surgery
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric surgery.

8.10 Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon (updated July 2020)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of trauma and orthopaedic surgery.

8.11 Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon s.i paediatric orthopaedic surgery (updated July 2020)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of trauma and orthopaedic surgery
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric orthopaedic surgery.

8.12 Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon s.i spinal surgery (updated July 2020)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of trauma and orthopaedic surgery
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in spinal surgery.

8.13 Consultant Urologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of urology.

8.14 Consultant Urologist s.i paediatric urology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of urology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric urology.

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8.15 Consultant Urologist and Transplant Surgeon

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of urology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in renal transplantation.

8.16 Consultant Transplant Surgeon and Urologist

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of urology
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in transplantation.

8.17 Consultant Neurosurgeon

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of neurosurgery.

8.18 Consultant Neurosurgeon s.i paediatric neurosurgery

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of neurosurgery
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric neurosurgery.

8.19 Consultant Plastics, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeon (updated July 2020)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of Plastics, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery.

8.20 Consultant Plastics, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeon s.i cleft lip and palate (updated July 2020)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of Plastics, Reconstructive and Aesthetic surgery
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in primary and secondary surgery for cleft lip and palate.

8.21 Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of cardiothoracic surgery.

8.22 Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon s.i paediatric cardiothoracic surgery

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of cardiothoracic surgery
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric cardiothoracic surgery.

8.23 Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon s.i transplantation

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of cardiothoracic surgery
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in thoracic organ transplantation surgery.

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8.24 Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon s.i thoracic surgery (added June 2014)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the specialist division of the register of medical practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of cardiothoracic surgery
and
- (b) 1 year certified postgraduate training in thoracic surgery

8.25 Consultant Paediatric Surgeon

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatric surgery.

8.26 Consultant Paediatric Surgeon s.i urology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatric surgery
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric urology.

8.27 Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of ophthalmic surgery.

8.28 Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon with a special interest in vitreo-retinal surgery

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of ophthalmic surgery
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in vitreo-retinal surgery.

8.29 Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon s.i neuro-ophthalmic surgery

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of ophthalmic surgery
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in neuro-ophthalmic surgery.

8.3 Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon s.i paediatric ophthalmic surgery

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of ophthalmic surgery
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric ophthalmic surgery.

8.31 Consultant Otolaryngologist

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of otolaryngology.

8.32 Consultant Otolaryngologist s.i paediatric otolaryngology

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of otolaryngology
and
- (b) One year certified postgraduate training in paediatric otolaryngology.

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8.33 Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

8.34 Academic Title / Consultant Surgeon

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in one of the specialties of surgery.

8.35 Consultant General Surgeon providing general paediatric surgical services (added September 2015)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioner maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of general surgery
and
- (b) Proleptic training of 6 months attached to a Consultant Paediatric Surgeon
Or
Six months training in tertiary paediatric surgery at registrar level
Or
Equivalent training abroad
Or
12 months training in a Regional Paediatric Surgical Facility as a post-ST3 trainee.

Emergency Medicine

Title

9.1 Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of emergency medicine.

9.2 Consultant in Emergency Medicine s.i Paediatric Emergency Medicine

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of emergency medicine
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in related paediatric specialties.

9.3 Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine (added 2011)

- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of emergency medicine
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in related paediatric specialties of which one year must be full time in paediatric emergency medicine
or
- (a) Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of paediatrics
and
- (b) Two years certified postgraduate training in related emergency specialties of which one year must be full time in paediatric emergency medicine

Donor Care

Title

10.1 Donor Care Consultant (there are no approved posts at 14.05.2013)

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of either general internal medicine or infectious diseases or haematology.