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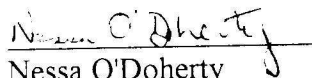
**Re: Qualifications - Environmental Health Officers**

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to previous correspondence (in particular Circular 45/98 of 17 April 1998) concerning the proposed revision of qualifications for the office of Environmental Health Officer and promotional grades.

Under Section 18 of the Health Act, 1970, the Minister now declares updated qualifications for the grades of Basic, Senior and Principal Environmental Health Officer w.e.f. 28<sup>th</sup> January 1999.

A copy of the declarations is attached for your information.

*Please note that the relevant documentation for implementation of the revised job descriptions for the above grades has, unfortunately, not yet reached completion but it is hoped to finalise this matter in the near future - notification of this will be issued immediately thereon.*



Nessa O'Doherty  
Personnel Management & Development

## Qualifications for Environmental Health Officer

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 18 of the Health Act, 1970, I hereby approve qualifications as set out hereunder for appointment and continuing as **Environmental Health Officer** under a Health Board.

### 1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc.

Each candidate must, on the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office, possess:

- (a) (i) a recognised degree in Environmental Health  

or
- (ii) a qualification in Health Inspection awarded prior to 10th December, 1982, and recognised by the Minister for Health  

or
- (iii) an equivalent qualification declared by the Minister for Health
- (b) the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office
- (c) a suitable standard of professional attainments.

### 2. Age

Candidates must be under 55 years of age on the first day of the month in which the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office occurs. This age limit will not apply in the case of existing pensionable officers of Health Boards or Local Authorities in the State.

### 3. Health

Candidates for and any person holding office must be free from any defect or disease which would render them unsuitable to hold 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 office must be of good character.

Dated this 28 day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and  
ninety nine



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Brian Cowen TD  
Minister for Health and Children

## Qualifications for Senior Environmental Health Officer

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 18 of the Health Act, 1970, I hereby approve qualifications as set out hereunder for appointment and continuing as **Senior Environmental Health Officer** under a Health Board.

### 1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc.

Each candidate must, on the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office, possess:

- (a) (i) a recognised degree in Environmental Health  
or
  - (ii) a qualification in Health Inspection awarded prior to 10th December, 1982, and recognised by the Minister for Health  
or
  - (iii) an equivalent qualification declared by the Minister for Health  
and
  - (iv) have had at least five years' satisfactory experience in carrying out the duties of Environmental Health Officer, including at least one year's satisfactory experience in a permanent capacity.
- (b) the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office
  - (c) a suitable standard of professional attainments.

### 2. Age

Candidates must be under 55 years of age on the first day of the month in which the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office occurs. This age limit will not apply in the case of existing pensionable officers of Health Boards or Local Authorities in the State.


### 3. Health

Candidates for and any person holding office must be free from any defect or disease which would render them unsuitable to hold 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 office must be of good character.

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Minister for Health and Children

## Qualifications for Principal Environmental Health Officer

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 18 of the Health Act, 1970, I hereby approve qualifications as set out hereunder for appointment and continuing as **Principal Environmental Health Officer** under a Health Board.

### 1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc.

Each candidate must, on the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office, possess:

- (a) (i) a recognised degree in Environmental Health  
or
  - (ii) a qualification in Health Inspection awarded prior to 10th December, 1982, and recognised by the Minister for Health  
or
  - (iii) an equivalent qualification declared by the Minister for Health  
and
  - (iv) have had at least seven years' satisfactory experience in carrying out the duties of Environmental Health Officer, including at least two years' satisfactory experience in a Senior capacity.
- (b) the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office
  - (c) a suitable standard of professional attainments.

### 2. Age

Candidates must be under 55 years of age on the first day of the month in which the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office occurs. This age limit will not apply in the case of existing pensionable officers of Health Boards or Local Authorities in the State.

### 3. Health

Candidates for and any person holding office must be free from any defect or disease which would render them unsuitable to hold 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 office must be of good character.

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Brian Cowen TD  
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