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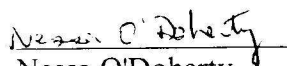
Re: Qualifications - Regional Public Analysts

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to previous correspondence concerning the proposed declaration of qualifications for the offices of Regional Public Analyst and Deputy Regional Public Analyst.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all concerned for the comments and observations which were submitted following previous contact on this matter.

Under Section 18 of the Health Act, 1970, the Minister now declares qualifications for Regional Public Analyst and Deputy Regional Public Analyst w.e.f. 28 January 1999.

A copy of the declarations is attached for your information. The relevant job descriptions (as detailed in Circular 108/98 of 18 December 1998) are also enclosed; they are to be implemented w.e.f. 28 January 1999.


Nessa O'Doherty

Personnel Management & Development

Qualifications for Deputy Regional Public Analyst

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 Deputy Regional Public Analyst under a Health Board.

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc.

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

- (a) hold a recognised first or second class honours degree in which Chemistry, Food Chemistry, Food Science, Microbiology or Bio-Chemistry was a major subject or option in the final examination or hold an equivalent professional qualification;
- (b) have, after attaining the degree or qualification at (a) above, at least eight years' satisfactory laboratory experience at least five years of which were spent in one or more of the following:-
 - (i) the chemical or microscopical analysis of Food, Drugs, Water or Effluents
or
 - (ii) the Microbiological examination of Food, Drugs, Water or Effluents
or
 - (iii) the use of Instrumental techniques that are employed in the analysis of Food, Drugs, Water or Effluents;
- (c) possess the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the post.

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

Each candidate for and any person holding office must be free from any defect or disease which would render him/her 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

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

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



Brian Cowen TD
Minister for Health and Children

Qualifications for Regional Public Analyst

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- (b) have, after attaining the degree or qualification at (a) above, at least ten years' satisfactory laboratory experience at least seven years of which were spent in one or more of the following:-
 - (i) the chemical or microscopical analysis of Food, Drugs, Water or Effluents
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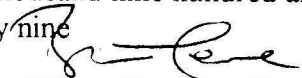
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Deputy Regional Public Analyst

Duties:

1. To carry out chemical analysis and the microscopical examination of any samples of food, drugs, water sewage or articles of miscellaneous nature.
2. To carry out such bacteriological examinations as may be appropriate.
3. To act if so required as Gas Examiner on behalf of any local authority which has entered into an arrangement with the Health Board for the performance of such duties.
4. To perform such other duties appropriate to the office as may be assigned by the Chief Executive Officer of the Health Board.
5. To deputise for the Regional Public Analyst as, and when, required.

Regional Public Analyst

Duties:

1. To carry out chemical analysis and the microscopical examination of any samples of food, drugs, water sewage or articles of miscellaneous nature.
2. To carry out such bacteriological examinations as may be appropriate.
3. To act if so required as Gas Examiner on behalf of any local authority which has entered into an arrangement with the Health Board for the performance of such duties.
4. To perform such other duties appropriate to the office as may be assigned by the Chief Executive Officer of the Health Board.