



**Clinical Nurse / Midwife Specialist**

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 a:

<b>Clinical Midwife Specialist</b>	<b>Grade Code 2313</b>
<b>Clinical Nurse Specialist (Children's)</b>	<b>Grade Code 2626</b>
<b>Clinical Nurse Specialist (Community/Primary Care)</b>	<b>Grade Code 2628</b>
<b>Clinical Nurse Specialist (General)</b>	<b>Grade Code 2632</b>
<b>Clinical Nurse Specialist (Intellectual Disability)</b>	<b>Grade Code 2627</b>
<b>Clinical Nurse Specialist (Psychiatric)</b>	<b>Grade Code 2625</b>

in the Health Service Executive.

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

Candidates must,

- (i) Be registered in the relevant Division of the Register of Nurses kept by An Bord Altranais or be entitled to be so registered;  
**and;**
- (ii) Have at least 5 years post registration experience in the division of the register in which the applicant is currently practising;  
**and;**
- (iii) Have a minimum of 2 years experience in the specialist area;  
**and;**
- (iv) Have the ability to practice safely and effectively fulfilling his / her professional responsibility within his/her scope of practice;  
**and;**
- (v) Must demonstrate evidence of continuing professional development;  
**and;**
- (vi) From the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 must have a level 8 post-registration National Qualifications Authority of Ireland major academic award relevant to the specialist area prior to application.

**2. Age**

No age restriction shall apply to a candidate except where s/he is not classified as a new entrant (within the meaning of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004). In this case the candidate 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.

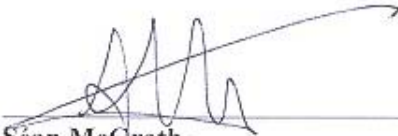
**3. Health**

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of February two thousand and eleven.

  
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**Séan McGrath,**  
National Director of Human Resources.