

Audiologist: Recognition of Qualifications

The Minister for Health is the Competent Authority (under the S.I.¹ implementing the EU Professional Qualifications Directive²) for the recognition of non-Irish qualifications in audiology, for the purpose of employment in the publicly funded health sector (HSE or HSE funded service). The assessment processes of the Directive are also applied to applications for recognition of qualifications which are outside the Directive's scope (i.e. non-EEA qualifications or EEA qualifications of non-EEA nationals).

The minimum approved academic qualifications necessary for appointment as an audiologist in the publicly funded health sector are:

- (i) An MSc in Audiology awarded by the National University of Ireland, UCC which includes a licence to practise clinical audiology in Ireland;

OR

- (ii) A BSc (Hons) in Audiology awarded by Athlone Institute of Technology in 2016 only;

OR

- (iii) A non-Irish professional qualification in Audiology recognised by the Minister for Health.

There is no formal application form. Applicants should submit:

- 1. a cover letter of application;
- 2. a letter (on official headed paper) or an e-mail from the prospective employer indicating that they are satisfied that your audiology qualifications meet the standard required for the position on offer;
- 3. a job offer from the prospective employer (on official headed paper or official e-mail);
- 4. a copy of your qualifications (translated where necessary);
- 5. documentation to indicate that your qualification entitles you to practise as an audiologist in the country where you qualified;
- 6. Citizenship:
 - a) photographic proof of identity – e.g. passport;
 - b) documentary evidence of your citizenship (if different to passport) – e.g. birth certificate;
 - c) a marriage certificate, if applicable, where there is a change of surname.

All documentation must be witnessed as true copies of the originals and certified translations of the originals must be provided where necessary.

Your letter of application plus one witnessed copy of documents 2–6 above should be submitted to:

**Validation Unit
Professional Regulation Unit
Department of Health
50-58 Block 1
Miesian Plaza
Baggot Street Lower
Dublin 2, D02 XW14**

¹ <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2017/si/8/made/en/print>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32005L0036>

A copy of an application can also be e-mailed to validation_unit@health.gov.ie in advance of the hard copy submission as this will help to expedite the application process.

Please find the Department of Health Privacy Policy at the following link:
<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/2f7457-department-of-healths-privacy-policy/>

The Validation Unit welcomes any queries to the above email address.