

Environmental Health Officer (EHO): Recognition of Qualifications

The Minister for Health is the Competent Authority (under the S.I¹. implementing the EU Professional Qualifications Directive²) for the recognition of non-Irish qualifications in environmental health, 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 Environmental Health Officer in the publicly funded health sector are:

- (i) BSc. (Environmental Health) Level 8 – Technological University Dublin (formerly Dublin Institute of Technology);
or
- (ii) BSc. Degree Level 8 – University of Dublin and a Diploma in Environmental Health –Dublin Institute of Technology);
or
- (iii) Diploma in Health Inspection awarded prior to 10th December 1982, and recognised by the Minister for Health;
or
- (iv) A non-Irish professional qualification in Environmental Health, recognised by the Minister for Health.

There is no formal application form. Applicants should submit:

- 1. a cover letter of application;
- 2. a copy of your original diploma/degree;
- 3. a transcript of all examination results showing subjects studied and grades obtained;
- 4. a certified statement from the relevant educational institute detailing the syllabus of the course of education and training which you undertook i.e. subjects taken in each year, subject content, number of hours of study in each subject, practice placements (i.e. type, location, duration, supervision), etc.;
- 5. documentation to indicate that your qualification entitles you to practise as an EHO in the country where you qualified, if relevant;
- 6. full details of your professional experience, if any (i.e. name(s) and address(es) of employer(s) and nature of their service, employment commencement and cessation dates, title of post held, status (full-time/ part-time), specific functions you performed;
- 7. evidence of your professional experience (i.e. letters of confirmation from your employer(s), references etc.);
- 8. Citizenship:
 - a) photographic proof of identity – passport;
 - b) documentary evidence of your citizenship (if different to passport) - birth certificate;
 - c) a marriage certificate, if applicable, where there is a change of surname.

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>

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

Please forward one copy of your complete application to:

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

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.