**Qualifications Required for Appointment and Continuing as a Roman Catholic Healthcare Chaplain in the Health Service Executive (HSE)**

**Grade Code 6404**

Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition meet the

following requirements:

1. **ORDINATION and/or CERTIFICATION**
2. Ordained Roman Catholic Priests in good standing

And / Or

1. Certified Roman Catholic Healthcare Chaplains by the Healthcare Chaplaincy Board (HCB)
2. **QUALIFICATIONS**
3. **Theological Qualifications:**

Primary Degree in Catholic Theology/Theological Studies (NFQ Level 8)

1. **Qualification in Practical Theology and Pastoral Practice**

**One** of the Following Qualifications:

1. **Post Graduate Higher Diploma in Pastoral Theology** (Healthcare Chaplaincy) from St. Patrick’s College Maynooth (NFQ Level 9)
2. **Masters in Pastoral Theology** (Healthcare Chaplaincy) from St. Patrick’s College Maynooth.
3. **Three Units of Clinical Pastoral Education** (CPE) from an Accredited CPE Centre. Two Units to take place in a Teaching Hospital, and One Unit at an Advanced Level.
4. **Third Level Seminary Pastoral Formation** prior to Ordination, and **Five Years of Pastoral Experience** subsequent to Ordination with evidence of supervision.

1. **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**

Commitment to **Forty Hours** of Continuing Education (CPD) Annually, as required by the Healthcare Chaplaincy Board in order to Maintain Certification.

1. **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.

1. **CHARACTER**

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

1. **ENDORSEMENT**

Endorsement by the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese where the Hospital is located.