



## **Qualifications for Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer – Local Government**

### **1. Character**

Candidates shall be of good character.

### **2. Health**

Candidates shall be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

### **3. Education, experience, etc.**

Candidates shall, on the latest date for receipt of completed application forms for the post:

#### **Essential qualifications and experience**

- (a) hold a recognised qualification at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications developed by the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland under the Qualifications (Education and Training) Act 1999 in a technical discipline related to the built environment including but not limited to architecture, structural engineering, building surveying or spatial planning  
**or**  
a qualification at NFQ Level 8 in which the historic built environment was a major subject including but not limited to archaeology, history of art or architectural conservation  
**or**  
a postgraduate qualification at NFQ Levels 9 or 10 in which the historic built environment was a major subject;
- (b) after attaining the qualification referred to at (a) above, have seven years' satisfactory experience relevant to the post (or five years for registered architects);
- (c) have a satisfactory knowledge of architectural heritage, design and conservation, strategic planning and urban design, and the legal framework governing architectural conservation and planning;
- (d) possess a high standard of technical training and experience appropriate to the nature of the work undertaken, including administrative and project management experience; demonstrate leadership, problem-solving skills, judgment and initiative, and have a satisfactory knowledge of public service organisation.

#### **Desirable skills and qualifications**

- (a) hold a postgraduate qualification (NFQ Levels 9 or 10) in architectural conservation, spatial planning, architectural design or urban design; **or** a postgraduate qualification in which the research subject

- related to the theory and practice of architectural conservation, strategic planning, architectural design or urban design; **or** have a recognised accreditation in architectural conservation;
- (b) demonstrable experience in strategic planning, urban design and/or architectural conservation management;
  - (c) experience and/or qualification in project management.

*In exercise of the functions conferred on the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht by section 160 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (No. 37 of 2001), which said functions have been delegated to me by the said Minister by virtue of section 236(7) of the said Act, I, Niall O'Donnchú, Assistant Secretary, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, hereby declare the foregoing to be the Qualifications for Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer.*

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018

Niall O'Donnchú

Assistant Secretary