

## PSNI Education Criteria – Optional Drop-In Clinic – Pre-Registration Information

Applicants to the Police Service of Northern Ireland are required to have a minimum of 5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at A\*-C, including English Language.

As part of the recruitment process, applicants will be required to provide evidence of how they meet this education eligibility criteria via an online evidence uploader (which will be open between 26<sup>th</sup> February and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020). We will communicate exact instructions on that process in advance.

Please make sure that you prepare now and have your paperwork in order so that you can demonstrate eligibility when asked. You should be aware that we ask to see **final certificates or final certifying statements of results** and generally school reports or 'results-day' information slips are not accepted – please visit the [Education FAQs](#) on our website for further details.

Those with straightforward GCSE A\*-C grades in five subjects including English Language (or equivalent), and with certificates or final certifying statements of results to prove this, will have no problems. (N.B. The name on the evidence must match the name featured on the PSNI application).

We realise that some applicants may find it more difficult to prove that they meet the education criteria than others. Please note that qualifications achieved at Level 2 or higher (on the Regulated Qualifications Framework) may enable you to prove equivalency – check [here](#) for guidance on qualification levels.

For those whose qualifications are not quite so straightforward, we would like to provide additional support to help you to determine the comparability of your qualifications. You are welcome to attend an **optional** drop-in clinic, at which Deloitte staff will offer some preliminary advice. The clinic is planned for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in central Belfast. We will provide exact details on timings and location to those who pre-register.

If, having considered all of the advice provided on our website you are still not sure how to demonstrate that your education qualifications are equivalent to the requirements you are welcome to attend this **optional** session, where we will review the evidence you intend to provide and advise on whether or not you meet the criteria. If we feel the evidence is not sufficient, we will suggest what you might do to resolve the matter before the evidence submission deadline of 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020. At the optional clinic we will offer guidance only. Formal / final decisions in relation to your education eligibility will happen following the evidence submission deadline.

The session will be operated on a first come, first served basis and places are strictly limited. While there will be several Deloitte staff offering advice at the session, it is likely that you will have to wait until you can be seen. In all it is expected that the clinic will last no more than 1 hour.

You should note that all of the information that staff will be able to offer is already available on the [JoinPSNI website](#) (once on the 'FAQs' page, please refer to the 'Education' pod). This session is intended for people with particularly complex situations with regard to the qualifications they can present to prove eligibility. If you know you already meet the education criteria and can prove so, or feel you will be in a position to do so during the recruitment process, you do not need to come along. **In not attending, you will not be at any disadvantage, as our staff will not be able to discuss any matters with candidates other than education eligibility.**

If you cannot attend the 19<sup>th</sup> of February clinic you are welcome to seek advice on your education eligibility via email to [info@joinpsni.co.uk](mailto:info@joinpsni.co.uk).

**If you wish to attend the optional drop-in clinic please RSVP to [info@joinpsni.co.uk](mailto:info@joinpsni.co.uk) detailing the following personal information\*:**

- Your Name
- Your Street Address
- Your Email Address
- Your Mobile Phone Number
- Clinic Time Preference (19/02/2020 - Morning or Afternoon?)

**Please respond ASAP and no later than 5pm 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to let us know your preferred time of day to attend on the 19<sup>th</sup>.** We will subsequently contact those who have pre-registered to confirm the exact session time allocated and location when final planning is complete.

If you do not intend to go to the clinic there is no need to let us know.

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\* Please see our [Privacy Policy](#) to find out how we process your personal information.

N.B. The information you provide to pre-register for the clinic, is for that sole purpose only. To apply to the 2020 February PSNI recruitment process you must complete a formal application via [www.joinpsni.co.uk](http://www.joinpsni.co.uk) during the application period which is open 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 until 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (at noon).