

GUIDANCE ON RELEVANT DEGREE OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS – CHILDREN'S REPORTER, SCRA

This guidance has been produced to further clarify the qualification requirements for the role of Children's Reporter, SCRA and should be read in conjunction with the Job Description, Person Specification and Shortlisting form.

The Essential Qualification criteria is to have a **degree or equivalent qualification** in one of the following disciplines.

- Recognised **Social Work** degree or equivalent qualification accredited by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC), e.g. Social Work BA (Hons) / Diploma in Social Work – see link for current recognised social work qualifications [Social Work Qualifications](#), (note: if your qualification doesn't appear in that link, please also check previous qualifications which are recognised by the SSSC [here](#))

- **Law** BA or BA (Hons) / LLB degree in Law, or:-
 - A joint degree that **must** include Law as one of the degree majors, e.g. Management **and** Law / LLB Law **and** Business / Business Administration **and** Law / Business **and** Law BA or BA (Hons) or MA or MA (Hons) / Law **and** History (or other subject). The degree **must** include study of the care and justice system and The Children (Scotland) Act (or equivalent).
 - Criminology BA or BA (Hons) – which includes study of psychology and law (including study of criminal justice system)

- Other relevant discipline, in particular that relate to child development and behaviours, e.g.
 - Childhood and Youth Studies BA or BA (Hons)
 - Education degree which must include child psychology and development, e.g. Bachelor in Education (BEd) or Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)
 - Psychology BSc or BSc (Hons) / MA or MA (Hons)