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Public Consultation Report

on the Physiotherapists Registration Board Approved
Qualifications Bye-Law 2025

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Introduction

About the Physiotherapists Registration Board

The Physiotherapists Registration Board has statutory responsibility for: the registration of members of the profession; approval and monitoring of education and training programmes; establishing the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics and standards of performance to which physiotherapists must adhere; and recognition of qualifications gained outside the State.

About CORU

CORU is responsible for regulating health and social care professions. It comprises the Health and Social Care Professionals Council and the Registration Boards established under the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (as amended).

CORU's role is to protect the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct, education, training and competence through statutory registration of health and social care professionals.

The designated professions under the Act are clinical biochemists, counsellors, dietitians, dispensing opticians, medical scientists, occupational therapists, optometrists, orthoptists, physiotherapists, podiatrists, psychologists, psychotherapists, radiation therapists, radiographers, social care workers, social workers and speech and language therapists.

The Public Consultation Process

Background

The Physiotherapists Registration Board has prepared a draft Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2025 to include the *Professional Certificate in Physiotherapist Referral for Radiological Procedures, National University of Ireland, University College Dublin* as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration in the Referral for Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division of the Register.

Publicising the Consultation Process

A public consultation on the Physiotherapists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2025 was held between 25 November 2024 and 20 December 2024.

A number of channels were used to publicise the consultation process and invite the submission of observations. These included:

- An advertisement was placed in the Irish Times and An Seactain in both English and Irish. (See appendix 1).
- Information on the consultation along with a link to the online feedback form was hosted on the CORU website. (See appendix 2).

- An online feedback form was developed and a link to this form was included in the public consultation notice on the CORU website. (See appendix 3).

People were invited to participate in the consultation process in a number of ways:

- They could visit www.coru.ie and choose to complete an online feedback form.
- They could print a copy of the form and post or email it to CORU.
- They could email submissions to consultation@coru.ie.

Overview of responses to consultation

There were 16 responses to the public consultation however, 2 of these submissions were incomplete. Only the completed submissions have been included in the table below.

Source	Number of Respondents
Online feedback form	14
Email submission	0
TOTAL	14

Respondents were asked to identify if they were offering feedback on their own behalf or on behalf of an organisation:

Individual	13
Organisation	1
Unknown	0

Respondents were asked how they heard about this consultation:

Advertisement in a newspaper	3
Article in a publication	-
On www.coru.ie	4
On another website	-
By email	6

Other	4
No answer given	-

Individuals to be included in this report include:

- Jane Campbell
- Francis Raj Madhiyalagan
- Tudor Mihai
- Robert Creane
- Dublin City University
- Margaret Birmingham
- Gay Peart-Murphy

Issues emerging from the consultation process/ Conclusion

There were no issues emerging from the consultation process that would impact on the inclusion of the approved qualification title '*Professional Certificate in Physiotherapist Referral for Radiological Procedures, National University of Ireland, University College Dublin*' on the Physiotherapists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2025.

Responses were received through the public consultation in relation to the following topics;

- The range of qualifications listed on the Approved Qualifications Bye-Law
- The variation in qualification titles listed on the Approved Qualifications Bye-Law
- The legislative basis to allow for physiotherapists to refer for radiological procedures
- The entry requirements for students to enrol in the Professional Certificate in Physiotherapist Referral for Radiological Procedures, National University of Ireland, University College Dublin
- The requirements for registrant entry onto the Referral for Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division of the Register

The responses received were considered by the Physiotherapists Registration Board and were deemed to be outside of the scope of this public consultation process, i.e. the addition of the qualification title *Professional Certificate in Physiotherapist Referral for Radiological Procedures, National University of Ireland, University College Dublin* to the Approved Qualification Bye-Law.

Conclusion

The Physiotherapists Registration Board approved the Physiotherapists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2025 at its meeting on 11 February 2025.

Acknowledgements

CORU would like to extend its appreciation and thanks to all those that participated in the consultation process.

The Physiotherapists Registration Board at its meeting on 11 February 2025 reviewed this consultation process report.

Appendix 1: Copy of Advertisement



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Public Consultation

The Physiotherapists Registration Board seeks the views of members of the public, the profession and other interested parties on the following consultation:

- **Physiotherapists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2025**

Information on the consultation process and procedure, including the text of the bye-law, is available on www.coru.ie

The closing date for submissions is 5pm on **Friday 20 December 2024**.

Submissions received after this time and date will not be considered.

CORU is responsible for protecting the public by regulating health and social care professionals.

CORU, Infinity Building, George's Court, George's Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7, D07 E98Y. T: 01 2933160 E: info@coru.ie W: www.coru.ie



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Comhairliúchán Poiblí

Tá tuairimí an phobail, na gairme agus páirtithe leasmhara eile á lorg ag Bord Clárúcháin na bhFisiteiripeoirí faoin gcomhairliúchán seo a leanas:

- **An Fodhlí um Cháilíochtaí Ceadaithe de chuid Bord Clárúcháin na bhFisiteiripeoirí 2025**

Tá faisnéis faoin bpróiseas agus faoin nós imeachta comhairliúcháin, lena n-áirítear téacs an fhodhlí, ar fáil ar www.coru.ie

Is é 5 pm, **Dé hAoine, an 20 Nollaig 2024** an dáta deiridh le aighneachtaí a chur isteach.

Ní bhreithneofar aighneachtaí a gheofar i ndiaidh an ama agus spriocdháta sin.

Tá CORU freagrach as gairmithe sláinte agus cúraim shóisialaigh a rialáil leis an bpobal a chosaint.

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Appendix 2: Notice of Public Consultation on CORU's website

Draft Notice Public Consultation: Physiotherapists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2025

Background

The Physiotherapists Registration Board is responsible for protecting the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct, education, training and competence through the statutory registration of Physiotherapists.

Details of Bye-Law:

The Registration Board is seeking the views of the public, the relevant profession and other interested parties on the Physiotherapists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2025.

To read the text of the bye-law, please click on the link below:

[\[Insert link to bye-law\]](#)

How to submit your views:

- By completing the online consultation feedback form which can be found for the bye-law by clicking on the corresponding link below:

[\[insert link to Online Consultation Feedback Form\]](#)

- By emailing consultation@coru.ie
- In writing to: Public Consultation, CORU, Infinity Building, George's Court, George's Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7, D07 E98Y

A report outlining the consultation process will be published on www.coru.ie following consideration of all submissions.

Closing Date

The consultation process will close at 5pm on Friday 20 December 2024. Submissions received after this time will not be considered.

Appendix 3: Copy of Online Feedback Form

Physiotherapists Registration Board: Public Consultation on Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2025

Thank you for taking the time to participate in CORU's consultation process on a bye-law on Approved Qualifications for Physiotherapists.

This revised bye-law replaces S.I. No. 187 of 2020 to include the below qualification title, as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration in the Referral for Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division of the Register of Physiotherapists.

- Professional Certificate in Physiotherapist Referral for Radiological Procedures

If you have any queries about the consultation process or completing the survey, please contact CORU on 01 2933160 or email consultation@coru.ie.

The closing date for receipt of submissions is **20 December 2024**. Any submissions received after that time will not be considered. A report on the consultation process will be published on www.coru.ie.

We welcome the views of the public and the relevant profession and by participating in this consultation process you are helping to shape how Physiotherapists are regulated.

Yours faithfully,
Claire O'Cleary

Interim Registrar

Q1 Contact Details:

You do not need to provide this information but please do if you would like us to provide you with details on the outcome of this consultation process.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Email _____

Telephone Number _____

Q2 Are you contributing to this survey in (please tick one)

a personal capacity? _____

on behalf of an organisation? _____

If on behalf of an organisation, please specify the name of the organisation): _____

Question 3.

Please indicate if you would like your name and/or organisation to be kept confidential and excluded from the consultation report.

Include in consultation report

Exclude from consultation report

It would be helpful if you could explain if you regard the information you have provided as confidential.

Question 4:

Please provide any comments you have on the qualification title to be added to the draft Bye-Law for the Approved Qualifications for Physiotherapists?

Is there anything else you believe should be added to this bye-law and why?

Question 5

How did you hear about this consultation?

(please tick as many as apply)

Advertisement in a newspaper _____

On www.coru.ie _____

By email _____

Other (please specify) _____

Thank you for participating in this consultation process. Your views will be taken into consideration.

If you have any queries, please contact CORU on 01 2933160 or email consultation@coru.ie