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Regulating Health +
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Statutory Regulation for Medical Scientists

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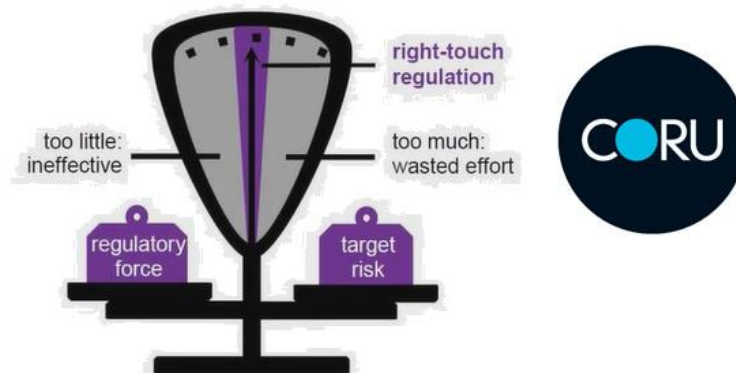
CORU's Mission



“To protect the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct and professional education, training and competence among registrants of the designated professions”

(Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005)

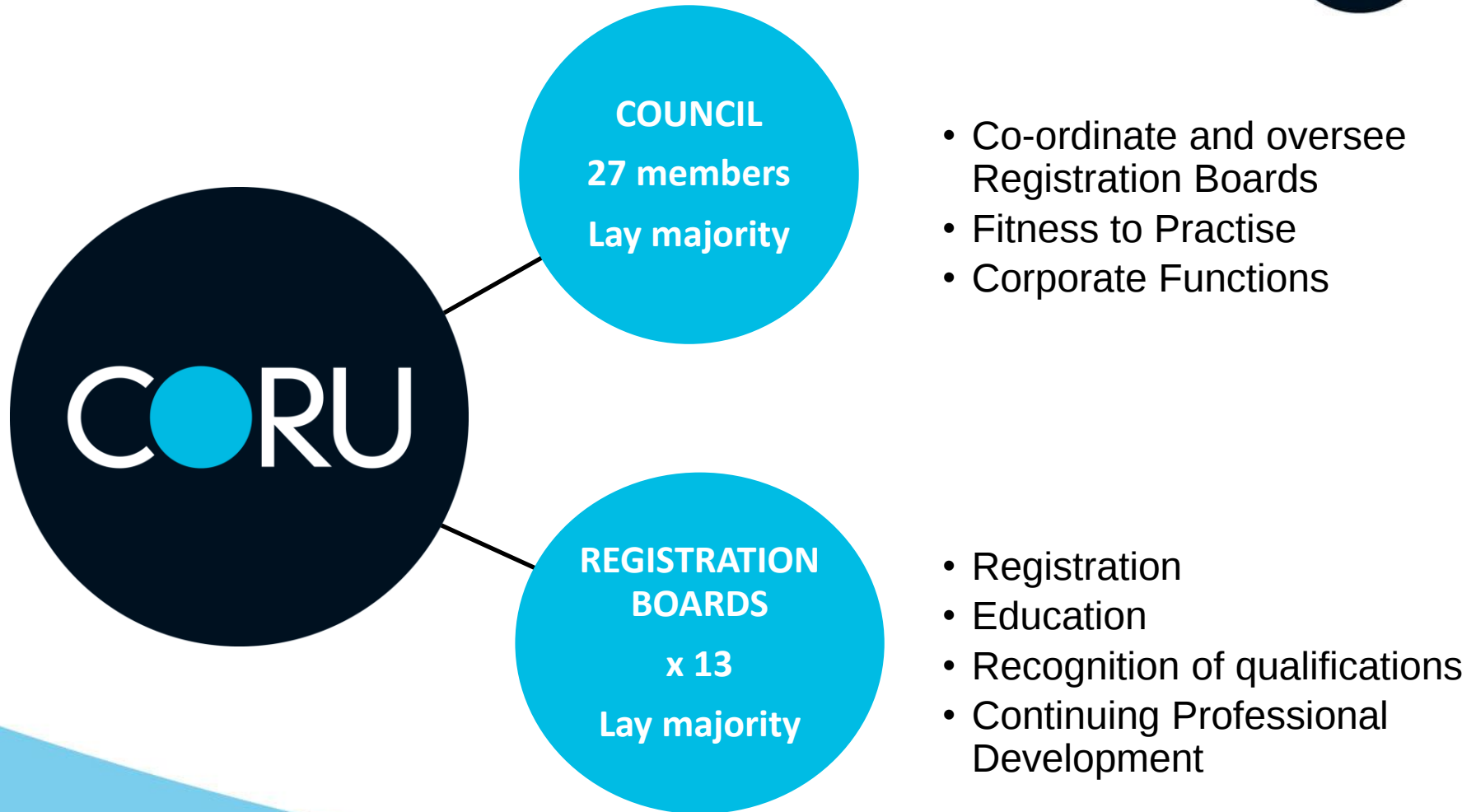
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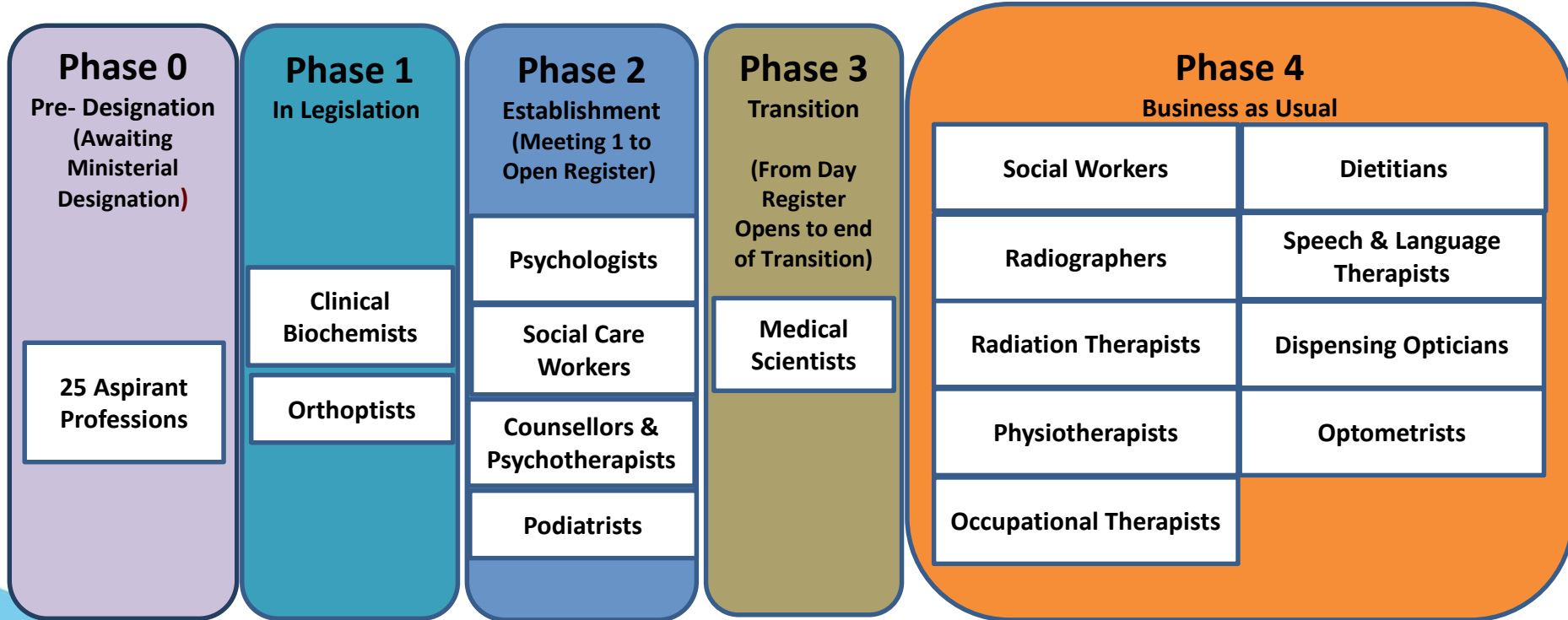
Regulators must be

- **Proportionate:** only intervene where necessary
- **Consistent:** rules and standards are fair
- **Targeted:** focused on the problem
- **Transparent:** be open - keep regulations simple and user friendly
- **Accountable:** must justify decisions and be subject to public scrutiny
- **Agile:** must look forward and be able to adapt to anticipate change

Council and Registration Boards



CORU's Regulated Health and Social Care Professionals



Medical Scientists Registration Board membership



– 7 public members

- 1 Public Employer
- 1 Private/Voluntary Employer
- 1 Education Sector
- 4 members of the public

– 6 professional members

- 1 Educator
- 2 Managers
- 3 Practitioners

13 - Total

Medical Scientists Registration Board members



– Public Members

- Carole Glynn
- Pauline Treanor
- Mary Hunt
- Wendy Kennedy
- Clodagh Geraghty
- Gary Kearney
- Vincent Hunt

– Professional Members

- Helen Lambkin
- Marie Culliton (Chair)
- John O'Loughlin
- Brendan O'Reilly
- Irene Regan
- Bernadette Jackson

Medical Scientists Register



- The register opened on **31 March 2019**
- The grandparenting period will close on **31 March 2021**

In Place to open the Register



– REGISTRATION

- Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics
- Engaged in the Practice of the Profession
- Fit and proper policy
- Language
- Competent Authority

– EDUCATION

- Use of the HSE list of qualifications
- Criteria and Standards of Proficiency for Education and Training
- Course Approval
- Approved Qualifications

Bye Laws in place



- Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Medical Scientists
- Application for Registration
- Return to Practice
- Restoration to the Register following Removal on Request
- Restoration to the Register following Cancellation of Registration

To be put in place

- Approved Qualifications (before 31 March 2021)
- Elections

There are 2 registration routes



1. Transitional/Grandparenting route...
 - This is under **section 91** of the Act
 - Provision for existing practitioners of the profession in Ireland for 2 of the 5 years before 31 March 2019.

2. Standard route...
 - This is under **section 38** of the Act
 - Provides for new entrants to the profession, applicants from abroad and those returning to the profession

Grandparenting (s91)



- Only those engaged in the practice of the profession of medical science for **two years** in the period between: **31/03/2014 and 31/03/2019** are eligible to apply
- Medical Scientists **must submit** an application **before 31 March 2021** if they are to be considered under grandparenting
- This route allows for practitioners with legacy and other relevant and equivalent qualifications
- Eligibility for Grandparenting is **strictly enforced***

*If you apply under s91 but don't qualify under section 91, CORU can change the route of registration (at your request). The converse also applies but during the grandparenting period only.

Qualifications for Medical Scientists who apply under grandparenting arrangements



Schedule 3 qualifications

- B.Sc (Applied Science) (Honours)(Biomedical option) from the University of Dublin/DIT (prior to 2002) or
- B.Sc(Honours) in Biomedical Science from the Joint UCC/CIT (& Dip. Clinical Laboratory Practice)
- Diploma in Medical Laboratory Sciences awarded before 1994 DIT or CIT
- Certificate in Medical Laboratory Sciences awarded before 1997 by DIT or CIT or GMIT

HSE list of qualifications also includes

- B.Sc (Hons) in Medical Science from GMIT
- B.Sc (Hons) Biomedical Science, DIT
- B. Sc Biomedical Science CIT & B.Sc (Honours) Biomedical Science UCC (prior to 2013) or
- An equivalent qualification validated by the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM)

The Standard Registration Route (S38)



- For new graduates and those returning to the profession
- For applicants who qualified abroad
- Applicants must have an approved qualification (on HSE List or Approved Quals Bye-Law) or a CORU/ACSLM recognised international qualification
- Fit and Proper requirements
- Language Test and Return to Practice may be required

Engaged in the Practice



Applicants employed as medical scientists for **two years** in the period between **31/03/2014 and 31/03/2019**

- Applicants will be required to **provide evidence** of their engagement in the practice of the profession for two years between the relevant dates above
- In an **employed capacity**?
 - The applicant will be required to submit a **Proof of Professional Employment (POPE)** Form which is completed by his/her employer
 - Several forms maybe required to evidence the two years (or 24/60 months).

Fit and Proper



Skills and Knowledge

- Normally an approved qualification but...

Health

- Health Declaration
- If health issues impact on your ability to work in your profession – must inform the Board

Character

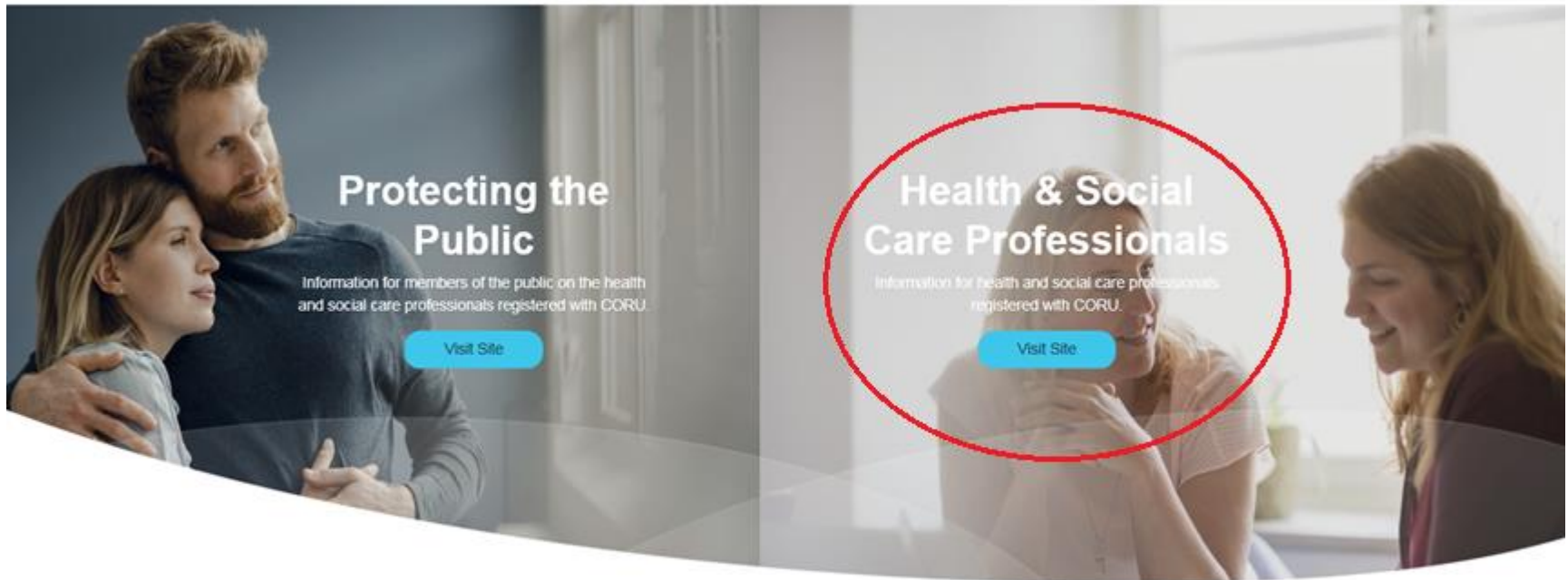
- Garda Clearance
- International Police Clearance if abroad for more than 1 year and 1 day

New CORU Website



info@coru.ie

01 293 3160





For the health and social care professionals regulated by CORU

[PIN Based Renewal and Login](#)

[New Applicant](#)

[Applicant Login](#)



Apply for Recognition of International Qualifications

Click here to read information on how to submit an application for recognition of your international qualifications



Apply for Registration

Click here to view the stages of the registration process and submit your online application for registration



Registration Renewals

Click here if you are currently registered and you wish to renew your registration or reprint your renewal certificate/receipt

Selecting the Register



Search The Register

Apply for Registration

Renew your Registration

Apply for Registration

Welcome to CORU's registration application process.

In order to apply for registration, you must complete the following stages:

- 1) Read the registration [guidance notes](#)
- 2) Submit an online application
- 3) Download and complete the additional forms at the end of the online process
- 4) Send us these forms with your certified proofs

This login page is to be used ONLY by those who are applying for registration for the first time.

Email Address

Register

Please Select...
Dietitians
Dispensing Opticians
Medical Scientists
Occupational Therapists
Optometrists
Physiotherapists
Radiographers
Social Workers
Speech and Language Therapists

Please note, if you gained your professional qualification(s) outside of Ireland and have not received a Letter of Recognition / Accreditation from the previous Competent Authority under 2005/36/EC (e.g. Dept. of Health, ACSLM or ISCP), or from CORU, you will be required to complete the qualifications recognition process **before** registration.

You can contact CORU at recognition@coru.ie or by phone on 01 2933160.

Selecting the Route S91 (Transitional) or S38 (Standard)



Register

Medical Scientists



Have you been engaged in the practice of the profession (as a Medical Scientist) in the State (Rep. of Ireland) for two years out of the five-year period **between 31 March 2014 and 31 March 2019?**

Note: This may include management, education or research roles directly related to the profession as determined by the Medical Scientists Registration Board.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Already a user? [Login Here](#)

Creating your username and password...



Search The Register

Apply for Registration

Renew your Registration

Your account

Your username is **mstesting@getnada.com**. An email containing instructions on setting up your password has been sent to you.

If you have not received this email, please contact CORU at helpdesk@coru.ie or 01-2933160.

Search The Register

Apply for Registration

Renew your Registration

Create New Password

Choose your new password and retype it to confirm it is correct.

Password

Confirmation Password

Login

- Your password has been updated, please login with this new password.

CORU ACCOUNT LOGIN PAGE

This login screen is for those who have created a user account and have set their password.

Entering Personal Details



Personal Details

S91 Medical Scientists

All fields in the application form marked with an asterisk *
Proper Case when completing this form.

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Title *

Mr

First Name(s) *

Louis

Last Name(s) *

Pasteur

Previous Name 🇮🇪

Personal Details

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Personal Details - fields marked with an * are mandatory

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What is your nationality? *

France

What country were you born in? *

France

What town or city were you born in?

Paris

Home Contact Details Address Line 1 *

Rue de Loi

Address Line 2

Paris 75005

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Save & Continue

Entering Your Qualifications



Qualifications

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Please select one of the options below that best describes your qualifications

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Do you have one of the following

- ☒ An approved qualification awarded in the Republic of Ireland. ?

Please select an approved qualification

Please select...

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Medical Science from Galway Mayo
Bachelor of Science (Hons) Biomedical Science - Dublin IT (DIT) or
B.Sc. Hons. Biomedical Science from joint UCC/CIT AND Dip. in Cl
Cert.Med.Lab.Sc. DIT/CIT/GMIT AND B.Sc. App.Sc. Hons. Biomed
Bach. of Biomedical Science CIT AND B.Sc. Hons. Biomed. Science
Diploma in Medical Laboratory Sciences by Dublin IT or Cork IT bef
Cert. in Medical Laboratory Sciences awarded before 1997 by DIT or

- ☐ A Letter of Recognition/Accreditation from the designated competent authority in the Republic of Ireland ?

- ☐ Another qualification which may be considered by the Registrars as equivalent to a schedule 3 qualification ?

Qualifications

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Please select one of the options below that best describes your qualifications

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Do you have one of the following

- ☐ An approved qualification awarded in the Republic of Ireland. ?

- ☒ A Schedule 3 qualification. ?

Please select a qualification

Please select...

B.Sc. Applied Sciences (Honours) - Biomedical Option TCD/Dublin IT (Kevin St.)
B.Sc. Biomedical Science (Honours) - Joint award by UCC and Cork IT (CIT)
Diploma in Med. Lab. Sciences awarded before 1994 by Dublin IT or Cork IT
Cert. Med. Lab. Science before 1997 by Dublin IT (Kevin St.) or Cork IT or GMIT

- ☐ A Letter of Recognition/Accreditation from the designated competent authority in the Republic of Ireland ?

Career History, Memberships, etc.



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Please give brief details (if available) of your entire career since leaving period of work outside your profession, study or sabbatical. Please ensure no gaps.

Each time you complete an entry please click on the **Add employment** button.

When complete please click on **Save and Continue**.

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Job Title *

Chief Medical Scientist

Employment Type *

Full-Time Employed

Sector *

Public

Workplace Name *

St Mary's Hospital



Employer Name

Regulatory/Professional Body Membership

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Please give details of any regulatory / professional body memberships in Ireland or another country. The Registration Board may contact these bodies to confirm your membership and good standing.

Each time you have completed the entry for one Membership please click on the **Add Membership to List** button.

When complete please click on **Save and Continue**.

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Choose one of the membership body types *

- ☒ Regulatory Body membership within Ireland
- ☐ Regulatory Body membership outside of Ireland
- ☐ Professional Body

Name of regulator/professional body *

Academy of Medical Laboratory Sciences

Address Line 1

Fit and Proper Questions



Fit and Proper

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By law, before your name can be entered on the Register for your profession, you must satisfy the Board that you are a fit and proper person to engage in your profession. This includes information on your health and character.

If you have a physical or mental health condition that may affect your ability to practise the profession for which you are applying for registration, it is an opportunity for you to demonstrate how and how this enables you to provide safe service to service users. Relevant and accurate information will affect your application.

Please note that you may wish to refer to the [Criminal Justice \(Spent Convictions and Certain Disclosures\) Act 2016](#).

You must answer each of the 15 questions below to continue.

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Q1. Do you have or have had in the past any physical health condition that may affect your ability to practise the profession for which you are applying? If yes, please give details in the additional information field below.

- ☒ YES
☐ NO

Additional
information

Q4. Have you ever been prosecuted for, or convicted of, a criminal offence in Ireland or elsewhere? If yes, please give details in the additional information field below. Please note that you may wish to refer to the Criminal Justice (Spent Convictions and Certain Disclosures) Act 2016.

- ☐ YES
☒ NO

Additional
information

Q5. Have you lived outside of Ireland for more than one year and a day since age 18? If yes, please provide an original or certified copy of a Certificate of Criminal Clearance from each country in which you have lived.

- ☐ YES
☒ NO

Q6. Are there any prosecutions pending against you or are you being investigated for any criminal offence in Ireland or elsewhere? If yes, please give details in the additional information field below.

- ☐ YES
☒ NO

Submitting your online application



- Once the fee of €100 has been paid, the online application has been submitted...

Fees

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You may be requested to provide additional credit card security details below required by your bank.

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PLEASE NOTE:
The application fee is 100 which includes the registration retention fee up to the annual retention date. On subsequent years the annual retention fee (currently 100) will be due by the annual retention date.

Annual Retention Dates:
31 March: Occupational Therapists, Optometrists, Dispensing Opticians and Medical Scientists
31 May: Social Workers,
31 October: Dietitians, Radiographers, Radiation Therapists and Speech and Language Therapists.
30 September: Physiotherapists

You must click on the [Click here to proceed to payment page](#) button to submit your credit / debit card details.

Please note you cannot edit your application online after clicking **Proceed to payment page**

- Application Fee €100.00
- Total now due €100.00

[<< Previous Step](#) [Make Payment](#)

Fees

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The amount to pay is: **€100.00**
Payment transactions can take up to 30 seconds. **Please do not press your browser's 'back' button or refresh the page once you have clicked 'Pay Now'.**

Payment Details

Card Number 

Expiry

Security Code
 

Cardholder Name

Confirmation of submission



Logout

Download documents

Guidance Notes

Completing your application

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Thank you, your payment has been accepted and your online application has been received.

To proceed to the next stage you must now print and complete the forms below and submit them to CORU along with your supporting documentation.

[Click here to download the Vetting Application Form.](#)

[Click here to download the Statutory Declaration document.](#)

[Click here to download the proof of professional employment.](#)



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Cover page: Application for registration S91

Applicant reference number : 27354
Payment authorisation number : 20190626145315-27354
Name : Mr Louis Pasteur
Date of birth : 14-Apr-1967

Please print and complete this page and send with your signed statutory declaration, supporting documents and photographs to: **The Registrar, CORU, Infinity Building, George's Court, Georges Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7, D07 E98Y**

1. I confirm that I have paid the required fee

☐

Once your online application is submitted



Download/Save or
Print

- Application Cover Page
- eVetting Invitation
- Statutory Declaration
- Proof of Professional Employment Form

Gather/Collect

- Parchments (certified copies only)
- Proof of Identity, Proof of Address,
- Health information (if relevant)

Complete

- E-Vetting Invitation Form,
- Statutory Declaration (**signature witnessed**)
- Proof of Employment (PoPE) Form
- Cover page (This helps you to submit all docs)

Post all documents to CORU in a single envelope



eVetting Invitation Form

(V8) For CORU use only

Application Reference:

THIS FORM

To apply for eVetting

1. Complete this form on a computer by typing.
2. Print the completed form on a ball-point pen.
3. Attach a certified copy of your passport and proof of your current address.
4. You must apply to CORU before submitting this form.

Once CORU has received your attachments and if you are invited to a vetting session, you will receive an eVetting invitation by email below.



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Proof of Professional Practice

Note to Supervisor / HR Manager

You have been asked to complete this form as proof of your professional practice for registration.

You can only complete this form if you are the HR Manager. You must not be

employed here as a

from

Number of hours per week (a

Organisation Name:

Department:

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In the space below, briefly de



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Statutory Declaration

In accordance with prevailing law, I make this statutory declaration. 'Registration' is my profession

I,
(Name)

Declare as follows:

1. I am not aware of any reasons why I am unable to discharge the responsibilities of my registration.
2. I have read, understood and agree to the terms of my profession.
3. I understand that I would be required to provide a declaration or misrepresentation in my application.
4. I agree to pay the correct fee for registration as set out in the regulations.
5. I acknowledge that it is up to me to ensure that the information contained in my application is true and correct.
6. I understand that the Registrar may contact my employer in certain circumstances.
7. I agree to Garda vetting.
8. I agree to provide a Police Certificate where I have lived abroad for more than 12 months.
9. I consent to the Registrar receiving a copy of my registration receipt of Garda Vetting or Police Certificate.
10. I understand that canvassing for registration, especially if it involves making any attempt to influence the Registrar, will be told of any attempts at canvassing.
11. I agree to tell the Registrar of any change in my registration, especially if it involves making any attempt to influence the Registrar, will be told of any attempts at canvassing.



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1. I confirm that I have paid the required fee	☐
2. I confirm that I have referred to the guidance notes in completing this application	☐
3. I understand that the Registration Board may contact my employer in certain circumstances	☐
4. I have translated documents by an official translator if not in English or Irish	☐
5. I confirm I have enclosed the following documents in support of my application:	
a) Certified copy of proof of identity: Current passport (photo page) or or both sides of current Passport Card or both sides of New Irish Driving License (issued since 2013) or Public Services Card (as issued by the Department of Social and Family Affairs)	☐
b) Certified copy of evidence of any change of name if applicable	☐
c) Certified copy of qualification certificate(s)	☐
d) Completed, signed and dated eVetting Invitation Form	☐
e) Certified copy of certificate(s) of Criminal Clearance for each country outside of Ireland where I lived for one year and one day or longer from the age of 18 years	☐
f) 2 passport size photographs signed on back	☐
g) Stamped and signed proof of professional practice	☐
h) Statutory Declaration signed under oath	☐
6. I acknowledge my application will only be considered on receipt of the above documents by CORU	☐



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A cautionary tale...



- Those who apply under grandparenting can continue to use the title of Medical Scientist whilst their application is in progress. **You must apply before 31 March 2021.**
- If you cannot provide evidence of 2 years employment between March 2014 and March 2019, you should **apply early under section 38..**
- HSE Recruitment Circulars (e.g. 3875) will shortly require evidence of approved qualifications... proof of application... proof of registration from late 2020...
- SLTs, OTs and Physiotherapists have been “walked off the premises” in recent years just after the close of grandparenting and told only to return when they were registered.

CPD Update



- CORU has undertaken a review of the CPD approach for all professions
- The Medical Scientists Registration Board will consult shortly with respect to this revised approach with the profession/stakeholders
- Please keep an eye on the CORU website so that you can participate in survey and shape the approach

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Thank you
Questions?