

**PHYSIOTHERAPISTS REGISTRATION BOARD APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION
BYE-LAW 2026**

The Physiotherapists Registration Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 31 of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (as amended), with the approval of the Health and Social Care Professionals Council, hereby makes the following bye-law:

1. The Physiotherapists Registration Board Application for Registration Bye-Law 2025 (S.I. No. 002 of 2025) is hereby revoked with effect from the date specified in paragraph 2(2), without prejudice to any applications for registration received by the Board prior to that date.

2. (1) This bye-law may be cited as the Physiotherapists Registration Board Application for Registration Bye-Law 2026.

(2) This bye-law comes into force on _____.

3. In this bye-law—

“the Act” means the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (No. 27 of 2005) as amended from time to time;

“the Board” means the Physiotherapists Registration Board established under section 26(1)(f) of the Act;

“General Division” means the General Division of the register of the Physiotherapists Registration Board that was established and now continues under section 36 of the Act;

“Referral for Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division” means the Referral for Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division of the register of the Physiotherapists Registration Board that was established and now continues under section 36 of the Act;

“the Register” means the Register of the Physiotherapists Registration Board established and maintained pursuant to section 36 of the Act.

4. The Board has determined that a person seeking registration in the General Division and/or the Referral for Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division of the Register shall apply to the Board by making an application in the form and containing the information set out in this Bye-law, or as otherwise determined by the Board from time to time.

5. Save where the applicant is already registered in the General Division of the Register, an application for registration in one or both divisions in the Register shall:

(1) be made in writing or by electronic means on such form as is provided by or on behalf of the Board;

(2) contain the following information:

(a) the division(s) of the register to which the application relates;

- (b) details and evidence of the applicant's personal and contact information;
- (c) details and evidence of the applicant's qualification(s) in reliance upon which the application is made;
- (d) details and evidence to satisfy the Board of the applicant's:
 - (i) career and employment history;
 - (ii) proof of practice in their profession (where applicable);
 - (iii) membership of professional/regulatory bodies (where applicable);
 - (iv) professional business operations (where applicable); and
 - (v) knowledge of the Irish or English language necessary for practising their profession in the State (where applicable);
- (e) details of the health and character in a format satisfactory to the Board, for the purposes of assisting the Board's consideration of the applicant as a fit and proper person to engage in the practice of the profession; and
- (f) any other information that the Board may deem necessary for the purpose of section 37 of the Act;

(3) be completed, signed and dated by the applicant;

(4) be accompanied by:

- (a) the following proof and verification of identity:
 - (i) a certified copy of the applicant's valid passport or such suitable alternative proof of identity as the Board may from time to time determine;
 - (ii) such other proof or verification of identity that the Board may deem necessary;
- (b) the application fee prescribed by the Council under section 18 of the Act;
- (c) a completed statutory declaration; and
- (d) in the case of applicants who have lived outside the State for such periods of time as the Board may specify, a certified copy of police clearance from the jurisdiction of previous residence (or such jurisdiction as the Board may deem appropriate) and/or such other information as the Board may from time to time determine in respect of such periods.

(5) be sent or delivered to the Registrar of the Board.

6. Where an applicant is already registered in the General Division of the Register, an application for registration in the Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division of the Register shall:

(1) be made in writing or by electronic means on such form as is provided from time to time by or on behalf of the Board;

(2) contain the following information:

- (a) details and evidence of the applicant's personal and contact information;
- (b) details and evidence of the applicant's qualification(s) in reliance upon which the application is made;
- (c) details and evidence of the applicant's current registration in the General Division; and
- (d) any information that the Board may deem necessary;

(3) be completed, signed and dated by the applicant;

(4) be accompanied by the application fee as prescribed by the Council under section 18 of the Act; and

(5) be sent or delivered to the Registrar of the Board.

7. In order to verify the identity of an applicant who has submitted an application under paragraph 6, the Board may seek such proof of identity as the Board may deem necessary.

8. An applicant shall comply with such requirements of the Board in respect of education, training and continuing professional development as may apply from time to time.

9. An applicant who wishes to resume the practice of the profession after not having practised for such period as the Board may specify shall comply with such criteria or conditions as the Board may specify from time to time for the purposes of section 31(1)(fa) of the Act.

GIVEN under the seal of the Physiotherapists Registration Board

Chairperson, Physiotherapists Registration Board

and

Member, Physiotherapists Registration Board

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

This bye-law details the form of and information to be contained in an application to the Physiotherapists Registration Board for registration in a division of the Register maintained by the Physiotherapists Registration Board.

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