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Public Consultation Report

on the Podiatrists Registration Board Approved
Qualifications Bye-Law 2023

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Podiatrists Registration Board
Bord Chlárúcháin na gCoslianna



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Introduction

About the Podiatrists Registration Board

The Podiatrists 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 social workers 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, professional education, training and competence amongst the designated professions.

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

Publicising the Consultation Process

A public consultation on the Podiatrists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 202 was held between Tuesday 20 September 2022 and Tuesday 18 October 2022.

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

- An advertisement placed in the Irish Independent on Thursday 22 September 2022. (See appendix 1 for a copy of the advertisement).
- Information on the consultation 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. An email containing this link was sent to the professional bodies. (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, to print a copy of the form and post it, or email it to CORU.
- They could email submissions to consultation@coru.ie.



Overview of responses to consultation

There were **0** responses to the public consultation:

Source	Number of Respondents
Online feedback form	n/a
Email submission	n/a
TOTAL	0

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

Individual	n/a
Organisation	n/a

How did respondents hear about this consultation?

Advertisement in a newspaper	n/a
Article in a publication	n/a
On www.coru.ie	n/a
On another website	n/a
By email	n/a
<i>No answer given</i>	n/a

Feedback was received from the following individuals and organisations:

No feedback or submissions were received by individuals or organisations associated with the profession.

Issues emerging from the consultation process

There were no issues emerging from the consultation process.



Appendix 1: Copy of Advertisement



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Public Consultation

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

- **Podiatrists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2022**

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 **17:00 Tuesday 18 October 2022.**

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



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

Public Consultation: Podiatrists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2022

Background

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

Details of Bye-Law:

The Registration Board is seeking the views of the public, the relevant profession and other interested parties on the Podiatrists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2022.

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

[PODRB Approved Qualifications Draft Bye-Law 2022](#)

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:

[PODRB Approved Qualifications Online Consultation 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 **17:00 on 18 October 2022**. Submissions received after this time will not be considered.



Appendix 3: Copy of Online Feedback Form

Podiatrists Registration Board: Public Consultation on Approved Qualifications Bye-Law

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

The Podiatrists Registration Board, for the purposes of Section 38(2)(a) of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (as amended), approved the following qualification as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration as a podiatrist on the Podiatrists Registration Board Register:

Bachelor of Science (Podiatric Medicine), National University of Ireland Galway

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 17:00 on 18 October 2022. 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 podiatrists are regulated.

Yours faithfully,

Ginny Hanrahan
Registrar



Public Consultations, Data Protection and Freedom of Information

This online feedback form is voluntary. By completing it you are agreeing to allow your responses to be analysed by CORU for the purpose of seeking feedback on the Podiatrists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2022. A report on the consultation process will be compiled and will be published on CORU's website shortly after the process is complete.

The information you provide in this online feedback form will be stored in a secure and confidential manner by CORU. It will only be used for the purposes outlined above and it will be maintained as per the CORU's record retention policy. CORU uses SurveyMonkey to gather feedback to our public consultations. Full details of how your information is processed via SurveyMonkey is documented in this [privacy policy](#).

Please be advised that submissions made to CORU are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

1. Do you agree to the terms above? By selecting Yes you are confirming you consent to providing your answers to the questions in this survey.

- Yes
 No

Public Consultation Questions

2. 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: _____

3. 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:



4. 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.

5. Please provide any comments you have on the draft Podiatrists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2022?

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

- Yes
- No

Please provide details below

7. Is there anything you believe should be removed from this bye-law and why?

- Yes



No

Please provide details below

**8. How did you hear about this consultation?
(Please tick as many that apply)**

- Advertisement in a newspaper
- On www.coru.ie
- By email
- Other (please specify

Other (please specify)

Public Consultation Contact Details

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.



Appendix 4: Draft Bye-Law

S.I. No. of 2023

PODIATRISTS REGISTRATION BOARD APPROVED QUALIFICATIONS BYE-LAW 2023

The Podiatrists 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 and the Minister, hereby makes the following bye-law:

1. (1) The bye-law may be cited as the Podiatrists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2023.

 (2) The bye-law comes into operation on XXX.

2. In the bye-law –

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

 “the Register” means the register of the Podiatrists Registration Board established under section 36(1)(a) of the Act.

3. The Podiatrists Registration Board, for the purposes of Section 38(2)(a) of the Act, hereby approves the following qualifications as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration in the Register:

 (1) Bachelor of Science (Podiatric Medicine), National University of Ireland Galway



The Minister for Health approves the making of this bye-law.

GIVEN under the Official Seal
of the Minister for Health,

____ 202_.

STEPHEN DONNELLY
Minister for Health.

GIVEN under the seal of Podiatrists Registration
Board

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Chairperson, Podiatrists Registration Board

and

Member, Podiatrists Registration Board



EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This bye-law identifies the qualifications awarded in the State which are approved by the Podiatrists Registration Board as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration with the Podiatrists Registration Board.