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Public Consultation Report

on the Medical Scientists Registration Board Approved
Qualifications Bye-Law 2022

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Bord Clárchúcháin na nEolaithe Míochaine
Medical Scientists Registration Board



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Introduction

About the Medical Scientists Registration Board

The Medical Scientists Registration Board has statutory responsibility for the registration of members of the professions; approval and monitoring of education and training programmes; establishing the code of professional conduct and ethics and standards of performance to which medical scientists must adhere to; 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

Publicising the Consultation Process

A public consultation on the Medical Scientists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law was held between 07 April 2022 and 05 May 2022. A number of channels were used to publicise the consultation process and invite the submission of observations:

- An advertisement was placed in The Irish Times newspaper on 07 April 2022. (See appendix 1)
- 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 of the professions included in the consultation.

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 4 responses to the public consultation:

Source	Number of Respondents
Online feedback form	4
Email submission	0
TOTAL	4

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

Individual	3
Organisation	1

How did respondents hear about this consultation?

Advertisement in a newspaper	1
Article in a publication	
On www.coru.ie	1
On another website	1
By email	1
<i>No answer given</i>	

Feedback was received from the following individuals and organisations:

TU Dublin

Michaela C

Catherine McManus

Mark Neville



Acknowledgements

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

Issues emerging from the consultation process

Matters raised in consultation

1. Two respondents requested that additional qualifications be listed on the Bye-Law, that being
 - *Applied Biology and Biopharmaceutical Science from GMT/ATU*
 - *an Honours science degree*

Response

The consultation on the draft Approved Qualifications Bye-law lists the qualifications for entry to the register. The programmes leading to those qualifications listed on the draft Bye-Law have been approved by the Board as meeting its Criteria for Education and Training Programmes and that its graduates have achieved all Standards of Proficiency required for public protection.

The Board has not received an application for programme approval from a provider with a qualification title as listed above.

2. A respondent noted that the academic qualification needs to remain multidisciplinary, although there needs to be access to Medical Scientists that have trained and specialized in one discipline and worked only in that discipline as there is in the UK. The respondent feels that the academic qualification needs to remain multidisciplinary, although there needs to be access to Medical Scientists that have trained and specialized in one discipline and worked only in that discipline as there is in the UK.

Response

The consultation related to the MSRB draft Approved Qualifications Bye-Law, and as such, the above feedback is not related to the making of the Bye-Law itself.



3. Technological University of Dublin has requested that the qualification titles listed be amended on the draft Bye-Law. The consultation feedback requested that the qualifications to be listed are;
 - Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Biomedical Science, Technological University Dublin
 - Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Science, Technological University Dublin

The Executive has contacted the programme director to confirm a request for change of qualification titles form be completed and submitted by the Institute.



Appendix 1: Copy of Advertisement



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Public Consultation

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

- **Medical Scientists 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 Thursday 05 May 2022.**

Submissions received after this will not be considered.

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

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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

Notice Public Consultation: Medical Scientists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2022

Background

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

Details of Bye-Law:

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

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

[Medical Scientists Registration Board Approved Qualification 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:

[MSRB Approved Qualifications 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 Thursday 05 May 2022. Submissions received after this time will not be considered.

Data Protection and Freedom of Information

Please note that submissions made to CORU during our public consultations are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014. The information provided to CORU consultations will be stored in a secure and confidential manner by CORU and will only be used for the purposes outlined. It will be deleted in line with our record retention policy. After each public consultation CORU publishes a consultation report on this website that contains a summary of comments received, CORU's response to those, and lists the individual names or organisations that have given their feedback, where those have been provided.



Appendix 3: Copy of Online Feedback Form

Public Consultation Details

Medical Scientists 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 medical science.

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

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Science, Galway Mayo Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Science, Atlantic Technological University

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science, Technological University Dublin

Bachelor of Science in Medical Science, Technological University Dublin

Bachelor of Science (Honours) Biomedical Science (Cork Institute of Technology and University College Cork - National University of Ireland, Cork)

AND

Diploma in Clinical Laboratory Practice (Cork Institute of Technology)

Bachelor of Science (Honours) Biomedical Science (Cork Institute of Technology and University College Cork - National University of Ireland, Cork)

AND

Diploma in Clinical Laboratory Practice (Munster Technological University)

Bachelor of Science (Honours) Biomedical Science (Munster Technological University and University College Cork - National University of Ireland, Cork)

AND

Diploma in Clinical Laboratory Practice (Munster Technological University)

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 5pm on Thursday 5 May 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 medical scientists are regulated.

Yours faithfully,
Ginny Hanrahan
Registrar

Public Consultations, Data Protection and Freedom of Information

This survey 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 Medical Scientists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2022. After each public consultation CORU publishes a consultation report on this website that contains a summary of comments received, CORU's response to those, and lists the individual names or organisations that have given their feedback, where those have been provided.

The information you provide to this survey 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:

- A personal capacity
- On behalf of an organisation

If on behalf of an organisation, please specify:

4. Please provide any comments you have on the draft bye-law on the Approved Qualifications for medical scientists.

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

6. Is there anything you believe should be removed from this bye-law?

7. How did you hear about this consultation? (please tick as many as apply)

- Advertisement in a newspaper
- Article in a publication
- On www.coru.ie



On another website

By email

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.