

S.I. No. of 2020

**RADIOGRAPHERS REGISTRATION BOARD APPROVED QUALIFICATIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE REGISTER BYE-LAW 2020**

The Radiographers 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 Radiographers Registration Board Approved Qualifications and Divisions of the Register Bye-Law 2015 (S.I. No.239 of 2015) is hereby revoked with effect from the date specified in paragraph 2.(2), without prejudice to any applications for registration or restoration received by the board prior to that date.
2. (1) This bye-law may be cited as the Radiographers Registration Board Approved Qualifications and Divisions of the Register Bye-law 2020.  
(2) This bye-law comes into operation on [INSERT DATE].
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;  
“corresponding qualification” has the same meaning as in section 90 of the Act;  
“professional qualification” has the same meaning as in section 3(1) of the Act;  
“qualification” has the same meaning as in section 3(1) of the Act; and  
“the Register” means the Register of the Radiographers Registration Board that was established and now continues under section 36(1)(a).
4. (1) The Radiographers Registration Board, as authorised by guidelines issued by the Health and Social Care Professionals Council under Section 31(7) of the Act, hereby establishes the Register pursuant to Section 36(1) of the Act and divides it into two divisions pursuant to Section 36(2) of the Act.  
(2) The divisions will be known as follows:
  - i. the Radiographers Division
  - ii. the Radiation Therapists Division

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

*(a) Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Radiography) from the National University of Ireland*

*(b) Master of Science in Diagnostic Radiography, University College Cork*

6. The Radiographers Registration Board, for the purposes of Section 38(2)(a) of the Act, hereby approves the following qualification as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration in the Radiation Therapists Division of the Register:

*Bachelor in Science in Radiation Therapy [B.Sc [Ther.Rad.]] from the University of Dublin awarded to graduates on successful completion of the four year pathway / programme to this award.*

### **Radiographers Division of the Register**

7. (1) Subject to an applicant meeting the other requirements for registration in section 38(1) of the Act, the Radiographers Registration Board shall grant registration in the Radiographers Division of the Register to any person who:

- a) has been awarded the
  - i. Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Radiography) from the National University of Ireland, or
  - ii. Master of Science in Diagnostic Radiography from the University College Cork
- b) is a person to whom Directive 2005/36/EC applies and whose professional qualification in radiography is recognised in the State in accordance with that Directive, or
- c) is a person other than a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), who is eligible to practise that profession in a state other than a state in relation to which Directive 2005/36/EC applies and who—
  - (i) holds a professional qualification in radiography that the Radiographers Registration Board decides is one that attests to a standard of proficiency corresponding to the standard attested to by the Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Radiography) from the National University of Ireland, or the Master of Science in Diagnostic Radiography from the University College Cork or

- (ii) holds a professional qualification that is one that the Radiographers Registration Board decides is not a professional qualification that attests to such a standard of proficiency, but is the subject of a decision of the Radiographers Registration Board that he or she successfully completed, in the State, the aptitude test or adaptation period that the Radiographers Registration Board has required of the person.

(2) Subject to an applicant meeting the other requirements for registration in section 91(1) of the Act, the Radiographers Registration Board shall grant registration in the Radiographers Division of the Register to any person who, during the period of 5 years ending on the date of the establishment of the Register, was engaged in the State in the practice of radiography, within the meaning, where the Radiographers Registration Board has specified such a meaning in bye-laws, of those bye-laws, for a period (or periods which, when taken together, amount to such period) of not less than 2 years or such other period as may be specified in those bye-laws and whose application for registration is received by the Radiographers Registration Board between the date of establishment of the Register and 2 years after that date and who:

- a) holds the
  - i. Bachelor of Science (Radiography) from the National University of Ireland, or
  - ii. Master of Science in Diagnostic Radiography from the University College Cork
- b) holds the Diploma of the College of Radiographers, London, or
- c) holds a corresponding qualification, or
- d) holds a professional qualification that, in the opinion of the Radiographers Registration Board, is sufficiently relevant to the profession of radiographer and attests to a standard of proficiency corresponding to the qualifications referred to at a) or b) above, or
- e) successfully completes an assessment of professional competence set by the Radiographers Registration Board in accordance with any guidelines issued by the Council.

### **Radiation Therapists Division of the Register**

- 8. (1) Subject to an applicant meeting the other requirements for registration in section 38(1) of the Act, the Radiographers Registration Board shall grant registration in the Radiation Therapists Division of the Register to any person who:
  - a) has been awarded the Bachelor in Science in Radiation Therapy [B.Sc [Ther.Rad.]] from the University of Dublin awarded to graduates on

successful completion of the four year pathway / programme to this award, or

- b) is a person to whom Directive 2005/36/EC applies and whose professional qualification in that profession is recognised in the State in accordance with that Directive, or
- c) is a person other than a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), who is eligible to practise radiation therapy in a state other than a state in relation to which Directive 2005/36/EC applies and who—
  - (i) holds a professional qualification in radiation therapy that the Radiographers Registration Board concerned decides is one that attests to a standard of proficiency corresponding to the standard attested to by the Bachelor in Science in Radiation Therapy [B.Sc [Ther.Rad.]] from the University of Dublin awarded to graduates on successful completion of the four year pathway / programme to this award, or
  - (ii) holds a professional qualification that is one that the Radiographers Registration Board decides is not a professional qualification that attests to such a standard of proficiency, but is the subject of a decision of the Radiographers Registration Board that he or she successfully completed, in the State, the aptitude test or adaptation period that the Radiographers Registration Board has required of the person.

(2) Subject to an applicant meeting the other requirements for registration in section 91(1) of the Act, the Radiographers Registration Board shall grant registration in the Radiation Therapists Division of the Register to any person who, during the period of 5 years ending on the date of the establishment of the Register, was engaged in the State in the practice of radiation therapy, within the meaning, where the Radiographers Registration Board has specified such a meaning in bye-laws, of those bye-laws, for a period (or periods which, when taken together, amount to such period) of not less than 2 years or such other period as may be specified in those bye-laws and whose application for registration is received by the Radiographers Registration Board between the date of establishment of the Register and 2 years after that date and who:

- a) holds the Bachelor of Science (Therapeutic Radiography) from the University of Dublin, or
- b) holds the Diploma of the College of Radiographers, London or
- c) holds a corresponding qualification, or
- d) holds a qualification that, in the opinion of the Radiographers Registration Board, is sufficiently relevant to the profession of radiation therapist and

attests to a standard of proficiency corresponding to the qualifications referred to at a) or b) above, or

- e) successfully completes an assessment of professional competence set by the Radiographers Registration Board in accordance with any guidelines issued by the Council.
9. The registration requirements of the Radiographers Registration Board set out above are in addition to any other requirements of the Radiographers Registration Board arising from sections 37, 38 and 91 of the Act.
10. Subject to the requirements identified above, persons may apply for and be granted registration in both divisions of the Register.

GIVEN under the seal  
of the Radiographers Registration Board

[INSERT DATE]

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Chairperson, Radiographers Registration Board

and

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Member, Radiographers 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 Radiographers Registration Board as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration with the Radiographers Registration Board and creates two divisions of the Radiographers Registration Board's Register. The divisions are as follows:

- a) Radiographers Division
- b) Radiation Therapists Division

This bye-law identifies the conditions for registration in each division in the Register established by the Radiographers Registration Board.