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Register for Radiographers and Radiation Therapists Opens

Statutory [registration](#) for radiographers and radiation therapists opened on 31 October, a move which will ultimately afford greater protection to the public by setting standards of conduct, ethics and performance, education, training and competence for those granted registration.

Speaking about the opening of the [Register](#), Ms Ginny Hanrahan, Registrar said: “This is the next step on the journey to a fully regulated environment for health and social care professionals in Ireland. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the [Radiographers Registration Board](#) for all of their work in reaching this significant landmark in regulation”.

A new statutory [Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics](#) for radiographers and radiation therapists has been adopted to underpin the regulation of the profession. This was prepared after consultation with the general public, radiographers and radiation therapists and with their representative bodies and employers. The [Code](#) specifies the standards of ethics, performance and conduct required of registered radiographers and radiation therapists in a clear and accessible manner. The code can be viewed on www.coru.ie.

There are two divisions of the Register – the Radiographers division and the Radiation Therapists division. When [applying for registration](#) an individual will be required to specify the division of the Register for which they wish to be registered.

If an individual is eligible to practise as both a Radiographer and Radiation Therapist, they must apply separately to register in each division.

To find out more information on the statutory registration of Radiographers and Radiation Therapists or to apply log onto www.coru.ie and click [apply to register](#).

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Shábháilteacht **1** Othar
Patient Safety **1** First

Protection of Title

In order to protect the public only people who are registered with the appropriate [Registration Board](#) may use the title which is protected for that profession.

This is important so that the public knows that the professional providing them with a service has met the standards necessary to achieve registration.

The law now provides that once the transitional period for future professions to be registered ends; the designated title under the [Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005](#) will be protected.

If a person has not applied for registration, or has applied but was refused registration, that person cannot use the title. If that person uses the title the [Council](#) at CORU may prosecute them for a criminal offence.

On conviction a person may be liable to a fine of up to €5000 or six months imprisonment or both.

CORU will be providing more information about protection of title in 2014.

New Guide published

A [Guide to CORU](#) was recently published.

This booklet gives members of the public an introduction to CORU's functions and role as a regulator.

A number of other Guides, dealing with CORU's functions, will be published and available on the website over the coming weeks and months.

You can view the guide on www.coru.ie or call 01 2933160 to request a copy.



CPD Framework Launched

A [CPD Framework](#) has been published by CORU. This framework is aimed at ensuring that, despite the diversity of professions to be regulated, set guidelines around Continuing Professional Development (CPD) remain common.

The [Framework](#) was developed following an extensive review of CPD models both nationally and internationally across 14 professions and following consultation in 2013 with key stakeholder groups.

The framework will be adapted by each [Registration Board](#) depending on the specific needs of the profession. It will then go out for public consultation on www.coru.ie before being adopted by the Registration Board.

To view a copy of the [Framework](#) for CPD Standard and Requirements, please log on to www.coru.ie.



CORU's Annual Report 2012 is available on www.coru.ie.

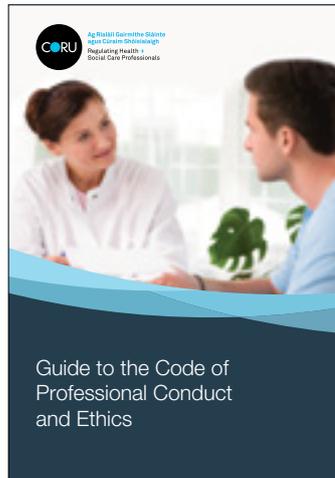
The report gives an overview of CORU's activity in 2012, and its progress in putting in place a system of regulation for 12 health and social care professions.

New Guide Published

CORU has recently published a “[Guide to the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics](#)”.

Aimed at professionals, graduates and students, the [Guide](#) gives an overview to the [Code](#), and its significance to registered professionals. It also outlines the common standards which underpin the profession specific Codes.

You can view the Guide on www.coru.ie or call 01 2933160 to request a copy.



Transfer of the Competent Authority

On 31 October 2013 the [Radiographers Registration Board](#) became the designated [Competent Authority](#) for the profession of radiography under Directive 2005/36/EC.

The Board will assess all new applications for the recognition of qualifications from outside the Republic of Ireland.

Applications should be addressed to: Radiographers Registration Board, CORU, 13-15 The Mall, Beacon Court, Bracken Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18.

For more information on the [recognition](#) of international qualifications log on to www.coru.ie.

Christmas opening hours

24	December	09:00-17:30
25-27	December	Closed
30-31	December	09:00-17:30
1	January	Closed
2	January	09:00-17:30

CLEAR Conference



CEO Ginny Hanrahan with CLEAR presenters Deanna Williams and Jonathan Bracken.

A training day was held for CORU Council and Registration Board members hosted by the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR). The goal of this training was to ensure excellence in regulatory governance.

IIRRT Annual Conference



CEO Ginny Hanrahan pictured with IIRRT President Shane Foley, at the IIRRT annual conference in October where the opening of the [Register for Radiographers](#) was announced.

Review of the Year

2013 has been a year of significant milestones for CORU and health and social care professionals generally as we journey towards a full regulatory environment. The major developments have included:

- Establishing the [Register of social workers](#)
- Opening the [Register for radiographers and radiation therapists](#)
- With the appointment of three new [Registration Boards](#), the countdown beginning to the statutory registration of dietitians, occupational therapists and speech and language therapists
- Launching the [CPD](#) framework

We would like to thank all registrants, health and social care professionals, employers and members of the public who have engaged with CORU as we progress towards statutory registration.

Your views are welcome

CORU is reaching out to make sure your views are taken into consideration.

In 2013, CORU carried out eight public consultations.

It is critical that the professions, the public and other interested parties participate in these consultations.

Your views and comments play an important role in developing a system of statutory registration.

More consultations will be held in 2014 so please keep up to date on www.coru.ie.

Holding an event?

If you are holding a seminar, conference or event and would like CORU to attend then please email communications@coru.ie

Sign up for updates on www.coru.ie

Social Workers – Building the Register

CORU is currently completing the [Register](#) for social workers. Over 1,300 social workers are already registered.

The process of assessing, verifying and reviewing the information provided by applicants is a complex and thorough process. This work ensures the integrity of the [Register](#) and means that the public can have confidence that the professional providing the service to them is properly qualified, competent and of good standing.

We would like to thank all applicants for their assistance and support during this transition to statutory registration.

A number of applications to CORU were incomplete. Much progress has been made in engaging with these applicants and resolving these issues; however there still remains a number of incomplete applications. CORU will be contacting all those whose applications remain incomplete.

Any member of the profession in Ireland, including new entrants, concerned about employment/promotion opportunities should contact CORU directly as their applications are being prioritised.

You can email us at registration@coru.ie or call us at 01-2933160.

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