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# Public Consultation Report

on the Physiotherapists Registration Board Approved  
Qualifications Bye-Law 2018

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## Introduction

### **About the Physiotherapists Registration Board**

The Physiotherapists 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 physiotherapists 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, dietitians, dispensing opticians, medical scientists, occupational therapists, optometrists, orthoptists, physiotherapists, podiatrists, psychologists, radiation therapists, radiographers, social care workers, social workers, and speech and language therapists.



## The Public Consultation Process

### Background

The Physiotherapists Registration Board has prepared a draft of the Physiotherapists Registration Board Approved Qualification Bye-Law 2018. The Bye-Law approves the listed qualifications as attesting to the Standard of Proficiency required for registration in the register for physiotherapists. When finalised, this Bye-Law will detail the qualifications approved for the purposes of registration with the Physiotherapists Registration Board.

### Publicising the Consultation Process

A public consultation on the Approved Qualifications Bye-Law was held between 13 March 2018 and 10 April 2018. A number of channels were used to publicise the consultation process and invite the submission of observations. These included:

- An advertisement was placed in The Irish Times on 13 March 2018. (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. (see appendix 3)

People were invited to participate in the consultation process in a number of ways:

- They could visit [www.coru.ie](http://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](mailto:consultation@coru.ie).



## Overview of responses to consultation

There were two responses to the public consultation:

Source	Number of Respondents
Online feedback form	1
Email submission	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>

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

Individual	1
Organisation	1

### How did respondents hear about this consultation?

Advertisement in a newspaper	0
Article in a publication	0
On www.coru.ie	1
On another website	0
By email	0
<i>No answer given</i>	1

### Feedback was received from the following individuals and organisations:

Orla Barry  
Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI)

## Issues emerging from the consultation process

No issues emerged from the consultation process. In response to question 4 of the online survey, the individual who responded via this channel stated that the draft bye-law looked appropriate. This respondent further stated that they did not believe anything should be added to the bye-law (question 5) and that nothing should be removed from the bye-law (question 6).

The Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI) responded to the consultation via email. Clarification was provided that the RCSI physiotherapy qualification is titled 'Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy, National University of Ireland, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland'.



## Conclusion

The Physiotherapists Registration Board considered all submissions received. The Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI) responded to the consultation via email. Clarification was provided that the RCSI physiotherapy qualification is titled 'Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy, National University of Ireland, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland'. The Board agreed to make amendments to the draft bye-law.



## Appendix 1: Copy of Advertisement



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### Public Consultation

The Physiotherapists Registration Board seeks the views of members of the public, the relevant professions and other interested parties on the following draft bye-law:

**Physiotherapists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2018**

Information on the consultation process and procedure, including the text of the bye-law, is available on [www.coru.ie](http://www.coru.ie)

**Closing date for submissions is 5pm on Tuesday 10 April 2018.**

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.

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

### Physiotherapists Registration Board – Public Consultation on Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2018

March, 2018

#### Background

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

#### Details of Bye-Law

The Registration Board is seeking the views of the public, the professions and other interested parties on the Approved Qualifications Bye-Law for physiotherapists.

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

[Physiotherapists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2018](#)

#### How to submit your views

You can submit your views:

- By completing the online consultation feedback form which can be found [here](#).
- By emailing [consultation@coru.ie](mailto: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](http://www.coru.ie) following consideration of all submissions.

#### Closing Date

The consultation process will close at **5pm on Tuesday 10 April**. Submissions received after this time and date will not be considered.



## Appendix 3: Copy of Online Feedback Form

Physiotherapists Registration Board: Public Consultation on Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2018

Online Feedback Form

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

The Physiotherapists Registration Board, for the purposes of Section 38(2)(a) of the Act, approved the following qualifications as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration in the Register:

- (1) Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy, University of Limerick;
- (2) Master of Science in Physiotherapy (Professional Qualification), University of Limerick;
- (3) Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Physiotherapy, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland;
- (4) Master of Science Physiotherapy (pre-registration), National University of Ireland, University College Dublin;
- (5) Honours Degree Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy), National University of Ireland, University College Dublin;
- (6) Professional Master of Physiotherapy, National University of Ireland, University College Dublin.
- (7) Bachelor in Science in Physiotherapy (BSc (Physio)) from the University of Dublin, Trinity College awarded to graduates on successful completion of the four year pathway/programme to this award.

If you have any queries about the consultation process or completing the survey, please contact CORU on 01 2933160 or email [consultation@coru.ie](mailto:consultation@coru.ie).

The closing date for receipt of submissions is 5:00pm on Tuesday 10 April. Any submissions received after that time will not be considered. A report on the consultation process will be published on [www.coru.ie](http://www.coru.ie).

We want to hear the views of the public and the profession and by participating in this consultation process you are helping to shape how physiotherapists are regulated.

Yours faithfully,  
Ginny Hanrahan  
Registrar



**1. 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

**2. 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 the name of the organisation:

**3. 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.

**4. 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)



**4. Please provide any comments you have on the draft Bye-Law on the Approved Qualifications for Physiotherapists.**

A large, empty rectangular text box with a thin grey border. It is intended for the user to provide comments on the draft Bye-Law. The box includes a vertical scrollbar on the right side and a horizontal scrollbar at the bottom, both with standard arrow and track icons.

**5. Is there anything you believe should be added to this bye law?**

A large, empty rectangular text box with a thin grey border. It is intended for the user to provide input on what should be added to the bye-law. The box includes a vertical scrollbar on the right side and a horizontal scrollbar at the bottom, both with standard arrow and track icons.

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

A large, empty rectangular text box with a thin grey border. It is intended for the user to provide input on what should be removed from the bye-law. The box includes a vertical scrollbar on the right side and a horizontal scrollbar at the bottom, both with standard arrow and track icons.



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

- Advertisement in a newspaper
- On [www.coru.ie](http://www.coru.ie)
- By email
- Other

Other (please specify)

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](mailto:consultation@coru.ie).

## Acknowledgements

CORU would like to extend its appreciation and thanks to those that participated in this consultation process. *(The report from the consultation process was reviewed by the Health and Social Care Professionals Council.)*

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