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Public Consultation Report

on the Medical Scientists Registration Board Approved
Qualifications Bye-Law 2023

June 2023

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

Background

The Public Consultation on the Medical Scientists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2023 took place between 18 May and 16 June 2023. The bye-law is being amended to include the following qualification title: Higher Diploma in Medical Science, Technological University Dublin.

Publicising the Consultation Process

A public consultation on the Medical Scientists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law was held between 19 May 2023 – 16 June 2023. 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 25 May 2023. (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. (See appendix 3)
- Social media posts were published on CORU's LinkedIn and Twitter profiles to encourage interested stakeholders to submit their feedback. (See appendix 4)

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 57 responses to the public consultation collected however only 20 of these were deemed valid and fully completed:

2 submissions were carried out by the same individual.

| Source | Number of Respondents |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Online feedback form | 20 |
| Email submission | 0 |
| TOTAL | 20 |

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

| | |
|--------------|----|
| Individual | 17 |
| Organisation | 3 |

How did respondents hear about this consultation?

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------|---|
| Advertisement in a newspaper | 0 |
| On www.coru.ie | 5 |
| Colleague | 4 |
| By email | 9 |
| Social Media | 1 |
| No answer provided | 1 |

Feedback was received from the following individuals and organisations:

12 individual names to be included in the report:

1. Adam Spain
2. Laurence O'Neill
3. Louise O'Callaghan
4. Susan Fegan
5. Kerry Alcorn
6. Elizabeth Whitney
7. Deirdre Egan



8. Meghan Doyle
9. Fiona Kearney
10. Richard McCafferty
11. Ciaran ORiain x 2 submissions
12. Niamh Quinn

Organisations:

St James's Hospital (generally)

Haematology Laboratory, within St James's Hospital

LabMed Directorate within St James's Hospital

Acknowledgements

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

The Medical Scientists Registration Board at its meeting on 27 June 2023 reviewed this consultation process report.

Issues emerging from the consultation process

The comments received during the consultation process were not relevant to this particular public consultation process.

Conclusion

There were no issues arising from the consultation process.



Appendix 1: Copy of Advertisement



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Comhairliúchán Poiblí CORU

Tá tuairimí an phobail, na gairme agus páirtithe leasmhara eile á lorg ag **Bord Clárúcháin na nEolaithe Míochaine** faoin gcomhairliúchán seo a leanas:

- **Fodhlí Cáilíochtaí Faofa 2023 ag Bord Clárúcháin na nEolaithe Míochaine**

Tá faisnéis faoin bpróiseas agus faoin nós imeachta comhairliúcháin, lena n-áirítear téacs an fhodhlí, ar fáil ar www.coru.ie

5pm Dé hAoine 16 Meitheamh 2023 an dáta deiridh chun aighneachtaí a chur isteach.

Ní bhreithneofar aighneachtaí a gheofar i ndiaidh an spriocdháta sin.

Tá CORU freagrach as an bpobal a chosaint trí ghairmithe sláinte agus cúraim shóisialaigh a rialáil.

CORU 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 2023**

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 **5pm on Friday 16 June 2023**.

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.



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

Notice Public Consultation: Medical Scientists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2023

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 2023.

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

[MRSB Approved Qualification Draft Bye Law 2023](#)

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 Qualification 2023 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 Friday 16 June 2023. Submissions received after this time will not be considered.



Appendix 3: Copy of Online Feedback Form

Public Consultation Details

Medical Scientists Registration Board: Public Consultation on Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2023

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), is adding the following qualification to its approved qualifications bye-law:

Higher Diploma in Medical Science, Technological University Dublin

Individuals who hold this qualification title will be eligible for registration as a medical scientist on the Medical Scientists Registration Board Register.

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 Friday 16 June 2023. 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 2023. 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 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 bye-law on the Approved Qualifications for medical scientists.

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



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

8. 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.



Appendix 4: Copy of Social Media Posts



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@CORUIreland



CORU is seeking the views of members of the public, the professions and other interested parties on the consultation of the Medical Scientists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2023.

This Bye-Law aims to add the “Higher Diploma in Medical Science, Technological University Dublin” to its approved qualifications bye-law.

Information on the consultation process and procedure, including the text of the Bye-Law is available on coru.ie/public-protect

Closing date for submissions is 5pm Friday 16 June.

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