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# Public Consultation Report

on the Social Workers Registration Board Approved  
Qualifications Bye-Law 2026

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Bord Clárchúcháin na nOibrithe Sóisialta  
Social Workers Registration Board



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## Introduction

### **About the Social Workers Registration Board**

The Social Workers 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 social workers 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, 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 Social Workers Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law is being amended to reflect the addition of the MA in Social Work in the Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest, as well as the change in qualification awarding body for the MA (Social Work) from the National University of Ireland, Galway to the University of Galway.

The following qualification titles have been added to the draft Bye-Law:

- **Master of Arts in Social Work, Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest**
- **Master of Arts (Social Work), University of Galway.**

### Publicising the Consultation Process

A public consultation on the Social Workers Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye Law 2026 was held between 4 October 2025 and 31 October 2025. A number of channels were used to publicise the consultation process and invite the submission of observations.

These included:

- Advertisements were placed in The Irish Times and An Seachtain newspapers on 8 October 2025. (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.

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 no responses to the public consultation.

Source	Number of Respondents
Online feedback form	0
Email submission	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>

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

Individual	0
Organisation	0

### How did respondents hear about this consultation?

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

### Feedback was received from the following organisations:

No feedback was received during the consultation period.

## Issues emerging from the consultation process

There were no issues emerging from the consultation process.

## Acknowledgements

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



## Appendix 1: Copy of Advertisements



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### Public Consultation

The Social Workers Registration Board seeks the views of members of the public, the profession and other interested parties on the following consultation:

- **Social Workers Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2026**

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

The closing date for submissions is **5pm on Friday, 31 October 2025.**

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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## Comhairliúchán Poiblí

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

- **An Fodhlí um Cháilíochtaí Ceadaithe Bhord Clárúcháin na nOibrithe Sóisialta, 2026**

Tá faisnéis faoin bpróiseas agus faoin nós imeachta comhairliúcháin, lena n-áirítear téacs an fhodhlí, ar fáil ar [www.coru.ie](http://www.coru.ie)

**5 i.n., Dé hAoine an 31 Deireadh Fómhair 2025** an dáta deiridh le haighneachtaí a chur isteach.

Ní bhreithneofar aighneachtaí a gheofar i ndiaidh an ama agus spriocdháta sin.

Tá CORU freagrach as gairmithe sláinte agus cúraim shóisialta a rialáil leis an bpobal a chosaint.

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

# Social Workers Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2026

### Background

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

### Details of Bye-Law:

The Registration Board is seeking the views of the public, the relevant profession and other interested parties on the Social Workers Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2026.

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

[Bye - Law](#)

### 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:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NR693ZJ>

### Feedback Form

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 Friday, 31 October 2025. Submissions received after this time will not be considered.



## Appendix 3: Copy of Online Feedback Form

### **Social Workers 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 Social Workers.

This revised bye-law replaces S.I. No. 311 of 2022 to include a qualification title awarded by Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest and a qualification title awarded by University of Galway, as attesting to the standards of proficiency required for registration as a Social Worker on the Social Workers Registration Board Register.

- Master of Arts in Social Work, Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest
- Master of Arts (Social Work), University of Galway

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 31 October 2025. 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 welcome the views of the public and the relevant profession and by participating in this consultation process you are helping to shape how Social Workers are regulated.

Yours faithfully,  
Claire O'Cleary

Registrar

#### **Q1**

**Data Protection & Privacy Policy:** CORU is collecting your responses to this survey for the purpose of gathering views from the public, the profession, and other interested parties on the revised Social Workers Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2026. Completion of this questionnaire is voluntary. By completing it, you are allowing your responses to be analysed by CORU for the purpose of seeking feedback on the revised bye-law as set by the Social Worker Registration Board for Social Workers. A report on the survey will be compiled and shared with the Social Worker Registration Board. 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 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 Notice. Please be advised that submissions made to CORU are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

- I accept the Privacy Policy
- I do not accept the Privacy Policy



**Q2**

Are you contributing to this survey in (please tick one)

- A personal capacity
- On behalf of an organisation

**Q3**

Please indicate if you would like your organisation to be kept confidential and excluded from the consultation report

- Include in consultation report
- Exclude from consultation report

**Q4**

Please provide any comments you have on the revised Bye-Law on the Approved Qualifications for Social Workers?

**Q5**

How did you hear about this consultation? (please tick all that apply)

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