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# Public Consultation Report

on the Bye-Law for Election of Members to the Optical  
Registration Board

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Bord Clárchúcháin na nGairmithe Radharceolaíochta  
Optical Registration Board



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## Introduction

### **About the Optical Registration Board**

The Optical Registration Board has statutory responsibility for the registration of members of the profession; approval and monitoring of education and training programmes; establishing the code of professional conduct and ethics and standards of performance that optometrists and dispensing opticians 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 among 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 Optical Registration Board is responsible for protecting the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct, education, training and competence through the statutory registration of optometrists and dispensing opticians.

### Publicising the Consultation Process

A public consultation on the Elections of members to the Optical Registration Board Bye-Law 2024 was held between Tuesday 03 December 2024 and Wednesday 1 January 2025. 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 newspaper in English and Irish on Tuesday 17 December 2024. (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 was 0 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	0
Article in a publication	0
On www.coru.ie	0
On another website	0
By email	0
<i>No answer given</i>	0

## Acknowledgements

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

## Conclusion

There were no responses to the Optical Public Consultation on the Draft Bye Law on Election of Members for Appointment to the Registration Board. The Registration Board therefore recommends that the draft bye law be approved.



## Appendix 1: Copy of Advertisement



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### Public Consultation

CORU seeks the views of members of the public, the professions and other interested parties on the following consultation:

- **Optical Registration Board Elections Draft Bye-Law 2024.**
- **Physiotherapists Registration Elections Board Draft Bye-Law 2024.**

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 **17.00 Wednesday 1 January 2025.**

Submissions received after this 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 ngairmeacha agus páirtithe leasmhara eile á lorg ag CORU ar an gcomhairliúchán seo a leanas:

- **An Dréacht-Fhodhlí um Thoghchán an Bhoird Clárúcháin Súil-Liachta, 2024.**
- **An Dréacht-Fhodhlí um Thoghchán Bhord Clárúcháin na bhFisiteiripeoirí, 2024.**

Tá faisnéis faoin bpróiseas agus nós imeachta comhairliúcháin, lena n-áirítear téacs an fhodhlí, ar fáil ar [www.coru.ie](http://www.coru.ie) **17:00, Dé Céadaoin, an 1 Eanáir 2025** an dáta deiridh chun aighneachtaí a chur isteach.

Ní bhreithneofar aighneachtaí a gheofar ina dhiaidh sin.

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

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

### Public Consultation: Registration Board Elections Bye-Law

#### Background

CORU is responsible for protecting the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct, education, training and competence through the statutory registration of designated professions under the act.

#### Details of Bye-Law:

CORU is seeking the views of the public, the relevant profession and other interested parties on the below;

- Optical Registration Board Elections Draft Bye-Law 2024
- Physiotherapists Registration Elections Board Draft Bye-Law 2024

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

- [LINK TO ORB Draft Bye-Law](#)
- [LINK TO PRB Draft Bye-Law](#)

#### How to submit your views:

- By completing the online consultation feedback form which can be found for the draft bye-law by clicking on the corresponding link below
- 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 E98
  
- [LINK TO ORB Survey](#)
- [LINK TO PRB Survey](#)

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 17.00 on Wednesday 1 January 2025. Submissions received after this time will not be considered.



## Appendix 3: Copy of Online Feedback Form

### Optical Registration Board: Public Consultation on Elections Bye-Law

Thank you for taking the time to participate in CORU's consultation process on a bye-law on Elections for professional members to the Optical Registration Board.

The Optical Registration Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 31 of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, approved the draft bye-law for public consultation.

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 **5pm on Wednesday 01 January 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 registrants are regulated.

***Yours faithfully,  
Claire O'Cleary  
Registrar***

### Public Consultations, Data Protection and Freedom of Information

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 Optical Registration Board: Public Consultation on Elections Bye-Law. A report on the survey will be compiled and shared with the Optical 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 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. 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.**

- Name
- Email Address
- Phone 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. 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](http://www.coru.ie)
- On another website
- By email

Other (please specify)



**6. Please provide any comments you have on the draft Bye-Law on the election of members to the Optical Registration Board.**

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

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

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### **Public Consultation Contact Details**

Thank you for participating in this consultation process. Your views will be taken into consideration.

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