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Public Consultation Report

on the Dietitians Registration Board Approved
Qualifications Bye-Law 2022

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Bord Clárchúcháin na nDiaitéiteach
Dietitians Registration Board



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Introduction

About the Dietitians Registration Board

The Dietitians 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 dietitians 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

(Education to include)

Publicising the Consultation Process

A public consultation on the Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2022 was held between 04 March 2022 and 01 April 2022. 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 on Friday 04 March 2022. (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 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 3 responses to the public consultation:

Source	Number of Respondents
Online feedback form	3
Email submission	
TOTAL	3

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

Individual	2
Organisation	1

How did respondents hear about this consultation?

Advertisement in a newspaper	
Article in a publication	
On www.coru.ie	2
On another website	
By email	2
<i>No answer given</i>	

Feedback was received from the following organisation:

John McCamley on behalf of SIPTU (Allied Health Professionals Sector)



Acknowledgements

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

Issues emerging from the consultation process

There were no issues emerging from the consultation process.





Appendix 1: Copy of Advertisement



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Public Consultation

The **Dietitians Registration Board** seeks the views of members of the public, the relevant professions and other interested parties on the following consultation:

- **Dietitians Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2022**

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 **17.00 Friday, 1 April 2022**.

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.

CORU, Infinity Building, George's Court, George's Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7, D07 E98Y. T: 01 2933160 E: info@coru.ie W: www.coru.ie



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

Background

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

Details of Bye-Law:

The Registration Board is seeking the views of the public, the relevant profession and other interested parties on the Dietitians Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2022. This revised bye-law replaces the Dietitians Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2020 - S.I. No. 176 of 2020 to include the qualification:

- Master of Science in Human Nutrition and Dietetics, University College Cork, National University of Ireland, Cork

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

[Dietitians Registration Board Approved Qualification Bye Law 2022](#)

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:

[DRB Approved Qualifications 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 17.00 Friday 1 April 2022. Submissions received after this time will not be considered.

Data Protection and Freedom of Information



Please note that submissions made to CORU during our public consultations are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014. The information provided to CORU consultations will be stored in a secure and confidential manner by CORU and will only be used for the purposes outlined. It will be deleted in line with our record retention policy. 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.

Appendix 3: Copy of Online Feedback Form



Dietitians 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 Dietitians.

This revised bye-law replaces S.I. No. 176 of 2020 to include a qualification title awarded by the University College Cork as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration as a Dietitian on the Dietitians Registration Board Register.

Master of Science in Human Nutrition and Dietetics, University College Cork, National University of Ireland, Cork.

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 1 April at 17:00. 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 Dietitians 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 Dietitians Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2020. After each public consultation CORU publishes a consultation report on www.coru.ie 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. 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
- On another website
- By email

Other (please specify)

6. Please provide any comments you have on the draft Bye-Law on the Approved Qualifications for Dietitians

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

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

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.