

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS REGISTRATION BOARD APPROVED
QUALIFICATIONS BYE-LAW 2026**

The Occupational Therapists Registration Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 31 of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (as amended), with the approval of the Health and Social Care Professionals Council and the Minister, hereby makes the following bye-law:

1. The Occupational Therapists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2015 is hereby revoked with effect from the date specified in paragraph (2.(2)), without prejudice to any applications for registration or restoration received by the board prior to that date.
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 - (1) The bye-law may be cited as the Occupational Therapists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2026.
 - (2) The bye-law comes into operation on _____ 2026.
3. In the bye-law –
“the Act” means the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (no.27 of 2005) (as amended from time to time);

“the Register” means the register of the Occupational Therapists Registration Board established under section 36(1)(a) of the Act.
4. The Occupational Therapists Registration Board, for the purposes of Section 38(2)(a) of the Act, hereby approves the following qualifications as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration in the Register:
 - (1) Bachelor in Science in Occupational Therapy from the University of Dublin awarded to graduates on successful completion of the four year pathway / programme to this award;
 - (2) Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy) from University College Cork;
 - (3) Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy) from University of Galway;

- (4) Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (Professional Qualification) from University of Limerick;
- (5) Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy, University of Limerick;
- (6) Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy, University of Galway.

The Minister for Health approves the making of this bye-law.

GIVEN under the Official Seal
of the Minister for Health,

_____ 2026.

JENNIFER CARROLL MACNEILL

Minister for Health.

GIVEN under the seal of the Occupational Therapists Registration Board

Chairperson, Occupational Therapists Registration Board

and

Member, Occupational Therapists Registration Board

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

This bye-law identifies the qualifications awarded in the State which are approved by the Occupational Therapists Registration Board as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration with the Occupational Therapists Registration Board.