

Public Consultation on changes to PSI Registration Rules 2008 (as amended)

1. Introduction

The PSI is seeking your input on the proposed changes to the PSI (Registration) Rules (S.I. No. 494 of 2008) (as amended). The proposed changes relate to;

- 1) The introduction of a new legal mechanism, whereby the PSI Council would be enabled to 'propose to refuse' the application for continued registration of a pharmacist in circumstances where the pharmacist has not engaged with continuing professional development requirements. Consultation on these proposed amendments is included in part 1 of the survey.
- 2) The manner by which a pharmacist, whose professional qualification in pharmacy was awarded after training completed outside the State, satisfies language competence when applying for registration as a pharmacist in Ireland. Consultation on these proposed amendments is included in part 2 of the survey.

You will find a copy of the proposed rules [here](#). Please review the proposed rules in advance of completing the survey. You may also wish to review the below Statutory Instruments before completing the survey;

- [Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland \(Registration\) \(Amendment\) Rules 2017 \[S.I. No. 100 of 2017\]](#)
- [Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland \(Registration\) Rules 2008 \[S.I. No.494 2008\]](#)
- [Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland \(Continuing Professional Development\) Rules 2015 \[S.I. No. 553 of 2015\]](#)
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The consultation process will close on the 14 August at 5pm.

Data Protection and Freedom of Information:

This survey is voluntary. By completing it you are agreeing to allow your responses to be processed and analysed by the PSI for the purpose of seeking feedback on the proposed new PSI (Registration) Rules 2018. A consultation report will be compiled and this report, will be published on the PSI website in due course.

The information you provide to this survey will be stored in a secure and confidential manner by the PSI, it will only be used for the purposes outlined above and it will be deleted in line with the PSI's record retention policy. The PSI 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](#).

Submissions made to public consultations carried out by the PSI 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



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2. Which category best describes you?

- Patient and/or member of the public
- Healthcare professional (non-pharmacist)
- Pharmacy Owner
- Pharmacist registered with the PSI
- Pharmaceutical assistant registered with the PSI
- Member of a pharmacy team (non-pharmacist)
- Involved in healthcare education or training
- Representing public/patient interests
- Representing interests of healthcare professionals
- Employer of healthcare professionals
- Government body or department
- Regulator
- Industry

Other (please specify)

3. Are you responding on your own behalf or on behalf of an organisation?

- On my own behalf
- On behalf of an organisation

If you would like to provide your name or the name of your organisation please use the box below.

4. Part 1

The proposed amendment to include rule 11A would allow PSI Council to propose to refuse an application for continued registration to the Register of Pharmacists where there is an absence of evidence of compliance with CPD requirements.

Do you agree with the proposal as outlined?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you would like to provide a comment please use the box below.

5. It is proposed that this mechanism would be used to address circumstances where a pharmacist has not engaged with the required CPD obligations, as set out under the PSI (Continuing Professional Development Rules) 2015 (S.I. No. 553 of 2015). Do you agree with this approach?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you would like to provide a comment please use the box below.

6. Under the mechanism proposed, notice will be provided to the pharmacist of the intention to propose to refuse his/her continued registration, giving the reasons for the proposal. The pharmacist may make written representations to PSI Council within a 28 day period. In their deliberations, the PSI Council must consider any representation made before making a final decision to grant or refuse the application for continued registration. Do you agree with this proposal?

- Strongly agree Disagree
- Agree Strongly disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree

If you would like to provide a comment please use the box below.

7. Do you believe the opportunity for representation for a pharmacist is adequate?

- Yes
- No
- If not, how can it be improved?

8. Looking at the proposal in its entirety, do you have any further suggestions as to how the proposed system could be improved?

9. Part 2

An amendment to the PSI (Registration) Rules was made in 2017 in relation to assuring language competency of pharmacists seeking registration with the PSI, where the applicant's qualification in pharmacy was awarded after training completed outside the State. [S.I. No. 100 of 2017](#)

The proposed amendment to paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the PSI (Registration) Rules 2018, proposes to clarify provision (b) and (c) of the 2017 amendment.

In relation to provision (b), applicants now applying for registration from a country with English (or Irish) as the official language of the State, must have completed their professional qualification through English (or Irish).

The proposed wording states:

“evidence acceptable to the Council that he or she has trained as a pharmacist outside the State in a majority English or Irish speaking country that has English or Irish recognised as an official language of that country and that the entire course leading to the award of the professional qualification was taught through English or Irish, or”,

Do you agree with this proposal?

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| <input type="radio"/> Strongly agree | <input type="radio"/> Disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> Agree | <input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> Neither agree nor disagree | |

10. In relation to provision (c) where an applicant provides evidence that he or she has lived in and practised in a whole-time capacity as a registered pharmacist for three out of the preceding five years in a country that has English or Irish recognised as an official language of that country, the amendment will now propose that their practise in a whole time capacity as a registered pharmacist be through the English or Irish language.

The proposed wording states:

“(b) in subparagraph (c), by inserting “, through the English or Irish language,” after “whole time capacity as a registered pharmacist”.

Do you agree with this proposal?

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| <input type="radio"/> Strongly agree | <input type="radio"/> Disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> Agree | <input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> Neither agree nor disagree | |

11. Looking at the proposal in its entirety, do you have any further suggestions as to how it could be improved?