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## Agenda Item G.1

### Report on material decisions of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee

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From: Prof Brian Kirby, Acting Chair of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee

The Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee met on Thursday, 22 September 2022, at 10 am via. hybrid format in PSI House and on MS Teams.

The agenda item(s) below refer to the matter(s) before Council for decision.

The full agenda for the Committee meeting can be found in Annex 1, and this highlights the additional items discussed and items for information only.

#### Agenda Item G.1 – Third Country Qualification Recognition (TCQR) Route Review - Proposed route implementation and proposal for revised PSI (Registration) Rules

The Committee was informed that it was previously agreed to revise the Third Country Qualification Recognition (TCQR) route policy at a Council meeting on 19 September 2019. This project was placed on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic but work on the project was re-initiated in January 2022. The Committee was informed that after undergoing expert assessment, a review of the TCQR route for pharmacists, and a revised route implementation has been developed and proposed.

The Committee were asked to consider the following for recommendation to Council:

1. Proposed 5-stage method for the management of the revised TCQR route in practice, which would include a holistic assessment, adaptation placement, and examination.
2. Proposed amendments to PSI (Registration) Rules 2008 (S.I. No. 494 of 2008) as amended, to give effect to the implementation of the policy.
3. Proposed changes to the TCQR route fee structure in the PSI (Fees) Rules 2014 to 2020.

The Committee is recommending the revised TCQR proposed route implementation and proposal for PSI (Registration) Rules.

## Annex 1



### **Agenda for PSI Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee**

**held on 22 September 2022 at 10am**

**The meeting will be held online via MS Teams**

**Colour code: Red—for decision; Green—for discussion; Blue—for information**

Agenda Notation: \* - document provided in advance; \*\* - will be presented in slide deck at meeting;  
\*\*\* - verbal update

Indicative time	Item and descriptor		Presenter
10.00	A	Apologies	Chair
10.02	B	Declaration of Interests (See appendix A below)	Chair
10.05	C	Approval of Meeting Agenda	Chair
10.10	D	Approval of Minutes - 9 June 2022 meeting*	Chair
10.15	E	2022 Work Plan Project – Revise the current Third Country Qualification Route leading to registration as a pharmacist	J Bryan
	E.1	TCQR proposed route implementation and proposal for revised PSI (Registration) Rules*	
	E.2	Project Health Card update*	
10.35	F.	2022 Work Plan Project – Assess emerging risks to the continued availability of a professional pharmacy workforce within community and hospital pharmacy	A Mellett
	F.1	Update on project mobilisation*	
	F.2	Project Health Card update*	

10.55	G.1	RPB Standards update presentation**	J. Bryan/ Sinead Monaghan
	G.2	Project Health Card update*	
11.15	H	Update on next steps regarding the COVID-19 Emergency Provisions as set out in S.I. 98 and S.I. 99 of 2020**	P Corbett
11.35	I	Quarterly update on IIOP operations and developments*	A Mellett
11.55	J	Report on ongoing work on COVID-19 response**	P Corbett
12.10	K	2022 Work Plan Projects – Project Health Card updates	Interim Registrar  A Mellett  A Mellett  A Mellett
	K.1	Reform of the Pharmacy Act*	
	K.2	Review the CPD Model for pharmacists*	
	K.3	Develop a CPD model for pharmaceutical assistants*	
	K.4	Adopt revised Core Competency Framework for Pharmacists*	
12.35	L	AOB close of meeting Plus-Delta Next meeting Date: 1 December 2022	Chair

*We anticipate the meeting should end at approximately: 12.40pm*

*Joanne Kissane, Chair of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee*

## **APPENDIX A**

### ***Pharmacy Act 2007 Schedule 1, Section 9: Disclosure of certain interests***

9. (1) In this paragraph— “connected relative”, in relation to a person, means a spouse, a man and woman who are not married to each other but are cohabiting as husband and wife, parent, brother, sister, child or spouse of a child of the person;

“meeting” means a meeting of the Council or of a committee of the Council;

“member” includes a member of a committee of the Council;

“specified matter” means—

- (a) an arrangement to which the Council is a party or a proposed such arrangement, or
- (b) a contract or other agreement with the Council or a proposed such contract or agreement.

(2) A member present at a meeting where a specified matter arises who, otherwise than in his or her capacity as a member, has an interest in that matter—

- (a) shall at the meeting, disclose that fact and the extent of the interest,
- (b) may not influence or seek to influence a decision to be made in relation to the matter,
- (c) shall absent himself or herself from the meeting or that part of the meeting during which the matter is being discussed,
- (d) may not vote on a decision relating to the matter, and
- (e) may not take part in any further deliberation of the Council or any of its committees relating to the matter.

(3) For the purposes of this paragraph, but without prejudice to the generality of *subparagraph (2)*, a member shall be regarded as having an interest in a matter if a connected relative of that member or a nominee of either of them has such an interest.

(4) The disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and, for as long as the specified matter is being dealt with by the meeting, the member making the disclosure may not be counted for the purposes of determining the presence of a quorum for the meeting.

(5) The question of whether a member's course of conduct, is or would be a contravention of *subparagraph (2)* shall be determined by the chair, whose decision shall be final, and the particulars of the determination shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

(6) Where the member referred to in *subparagraph (4)* is the chair, the meeting shall choose another member to chair it for the purposes of the determination.

(7) If satisfied that a member has contravened *subparagraph (2)*, the Minister may remove the member from office and that person is then disqualified from office.