
Agenda Item H.1

Report on material decisions of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee

From: Katherine Morrow, Chair of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee

The Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee met on Thursday, 13 April 2023 at 10am. The meeting was held in hybrid format, in PSI House and online via 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 Route - Request for Approval of draft PSI (Registration)(Amendment) Rules 2023 after public consultation

The Committee discussed the draft Amendment Rules and the consultation report. The Committee sought clarification on Council's delegation to the Executive in relation to the revised qualification recognition process. The Committee heard that this was provided for in the Act.

The Committee noted that the consultation received both favourable and critical responses. The Committee reviewed the feedback from the consultation report and agreed that the response from the Executive was appropriate. The Committee emphasised the significance of clear communication, consistency in the application process, and transparency from the Executive once the revised TCQR route is operational.

The Committee queried whether the level of specificity provided in the draft Amendment Rules regarding the five-stage approach was required, given that some flexibility in the process may be required in the future. The Executive clarified that the draft Amendment Rules provide for the various stages of the revised route to be applied as appropriate, allowing for a degree of flexibility in the operation of the revised qualification recognition route.

The Committee is recommending that the proposed PSI (Registration)(Amendment) Rules 2023 be approved by Council for submission to the Minister, for his consent.

Annex 1



Agenda for PSI Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee

held on 13 April 2023 at 10am.

The meeting will be in hybrid format held at PSI House and on Microsoft 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
10.05	E	Develop a CPD model for pharmaceutical assistants	Mazars
	E.1	Update on project progress**	
	E.2	Project Health Card Update*	A Mellett
10.25	F	Review of the CPD Model for pharmacists	Mazars
	F.1	Update on project progress**	
	F.2	Project Health Card Update*	A Mellett
11.00	B	Declaration of Interests (See appendix A below)	Chair
11.03	C	Approval of Meeting Agenda*	Chair
11.04	D	Approval of Minutes – 16 February 2023 meeting*	Chair
11.05	G	Third Country Qualification Recognition Route	J Bryan
	G.1	Approval of draft PSI (Registration)(Amendment) Rules 2023 after public consultation*	
	G.2	Update on operationalising the TCQR route process leading to registration as a pharmacist*	
	G.3	Project Health Card Update*	

11.30	H H.1	Advance reform of the Pharmacy Act Update on project approach agreed with Department of Health**	O Carroll
11.40	I I.1	Assess emerging risks to the continued availability of a professional pharmacy workforce within community and hospital pharmacy Project Health Card Update*	D Burns/A Mellett
11.50	J J.1	Adopt revised Core Competency Framework (CCF) for Pharmacists Update on roadmap for implementation of revised CCF*	A Mellett
12.00	K	Quarterly update on IOP operations and developments*	A Mellett
12.10	L	Terms of Reference of Committee Request for Approval of Revised RPPC Terms of Reference*	J Bryan
12.20	M	2023 Work Plan Projects – Project Health Card updates Stakeholder Engagement with DoH and HSE on Sláintecare implementation and pharmacy integration*	J Bryan O Carroll
12.40	N	AOB close of meeting	Chair

We anticipate the meeting should end at approximately: 12.50pm

Katherine Morrow, 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.