

Questions for CORU:

1. Regarding courses / qualifications that would be considered for a specific register: Is “accredited training” status with a professional body sufficient for a course to be considered as appropriate training for a specific register or is the course evaluated on its own merits and not based on course accreditation status of a specific professional body?
2. Are qualifications related to specialisms such as working with children and adolescents considered for the purpose of applying for a specific register or will general qualifications in C&P only be considered as appropriate?
3. Regarding the Transitional Period and grandparenting process for entry to the register (s.91 application form): regarding the Proof of Professional Employment Form, it states that it must be completed by HR Manager/ Line Manager or Supervisor. In case of counsellors and psychotherapists- most of therapists work in private practice, usually as sole traders. Who should complete the Proof of Professional Employment Form for practitioners in private practice?
4. Regarding the Transitional Period and grandparenting process for entry to the register, it is mentioned that a competency test must be completed for someone without an appropriate qualification. What does this test look like and are there any examples of similar tests available to view?
5. Regarding the Transitional Period and grandparenting process for entry to the register, are tax records required and should the tax/company registration be specifically in counselling for a counselling register and in psychotherapy for a psychotherapy register to satisfy proof of professional practice?
6. What is the focus for the C&P registration board at present and has it completed the assessment of the historical qualifications?
7. Can you please outline what supervision requirements will be in place for practitioners and if there are specific requirements, how will these be assessed/monitored?
8. Will membership of a particular professional body affect the success or otherwise of an application? We are aware that for grand-parenting purposes that membership of a professional body is taken into consideration. However, will distinctions be made between professional bodies, e.g. bodies representing counsellors only, psychotherapists only and both counsellors and psychotherapists, in terms of applying for either the Counselling register or the Psychotherapy register?

9. What weight will accreditation with an existing professional body carry in considering an application?

10. Will CORU work with the existing professional bodies where assessment of an application is needed?