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CORU Memo for Employers on the use of Social Care Worker Title from 01 December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you will be aware, the close of the transitional period for social care workers will close on the 31st November 2025. This will mean that from the 1st of December 2025 the title of social care worker will become protected.

We wish to remind you that:

- **Section 91, Existing practitioners** – Applicants **may continue** to use the protected title of Social Care Worker while their application is pending. To avail of this, they must apply ahead of the 30 November 2025 deadline. The application must be fully submitted to avail of this.
- **Section 38, Irish graduates** – Applicants are **not permitted** to use the protect title of social care worker until they are fully registered.

Update/Confirmation for Employers

We understand that employers may wish to check application status/progress regularly with their staff to ensure that their staff are entitled to use the title.

In this memo we have detailed a step by step guide on how applicants and registrants can provide their employers with evidence of the submission of their application or their registration.

CORU will be unable to provide case by case status updates for applicants. We are asking employers to accept the certificate of application as evidence that an existing practitioner has submitted their application ahead of the deadline and is permitted to continue to use the title.

Employers can check these certificates to see the route the applicant has applied under (Section 91 or Section 38) and check if the are permitted to continue using the title. These certificates will also display if a person has been refused and no longer has the right to use the title. Employers can ask for these certificates to be generated on a regular basis, each certificate will be date stamped as per the date is has been generated.

Please see the guides on the following pages which you may share with your colleagues and staff:

- 1) **Generating a certificate of application** - showing application is submitted/being processed. These will also show if an application has been refused.
- 2) **Generating a certificate of registration** - showing that a person is now on the register



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1) Generating a Certificate of Application

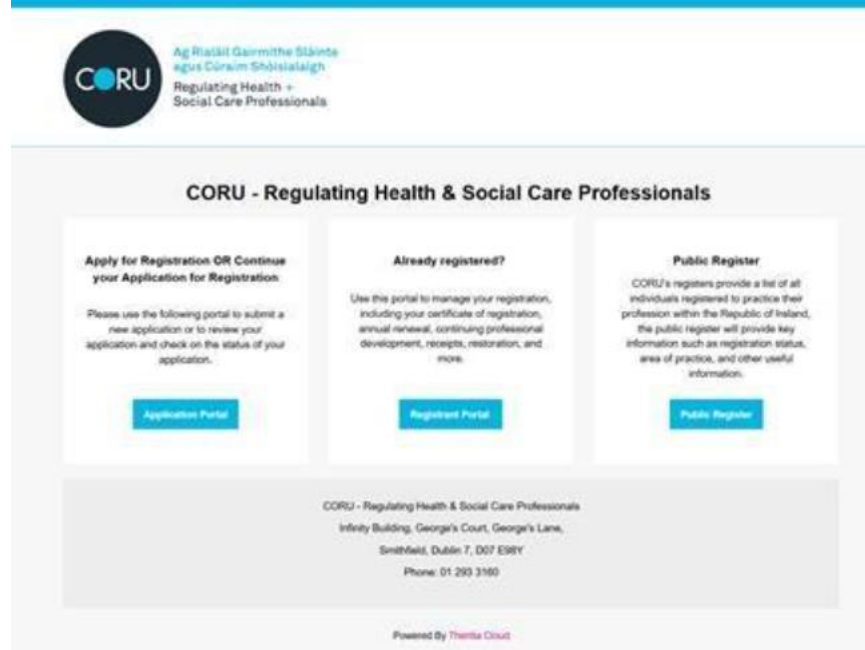
Existing practitioners who have applied before the deadline are permitted to continue using the title while their application is pending if they have submitted it ahead of the Section 91 deadline of 30 November 2025.

You can download a certificate which shows that you have applied as an existing practitioner including the date you have applied.

Only those who have/had the status 'Submitted' on their application can do this.

To Access your Certificate of Application.

1. Log into the Applicant Portal by choosing the left option on the CORU Portal:



2. Navigate to the your application in the main 'Online Applications Screen' and select 'Documents'

1561	Irish Graduate Registration - Physiotherapist	Physiotherapist	Your application has been received.	28/07/2025	N/A	Documents	Review	Withdraw Application
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3. Select Download to get a pdf document for your 'Certificate of Application'

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Below is a sample of a certificate confirming your application has been submitted.



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Statement of Application

October 15, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

This document is a verification that an application is currently underway for the below noted applicant as of the date of this statement of application. -

APPLICANT:	Sample
APPLICATION #:	999999
APPLICATION TYPE:	Existing Practitioner - Social Care
PROFESSION:	Social Care Worker
SUBMISSION DATE:	July 28, 2025
STATUS:	Submitted



The above status will update as progress is made on the application, this includes recording decisions such as refusal, assessment of professional competence etc.



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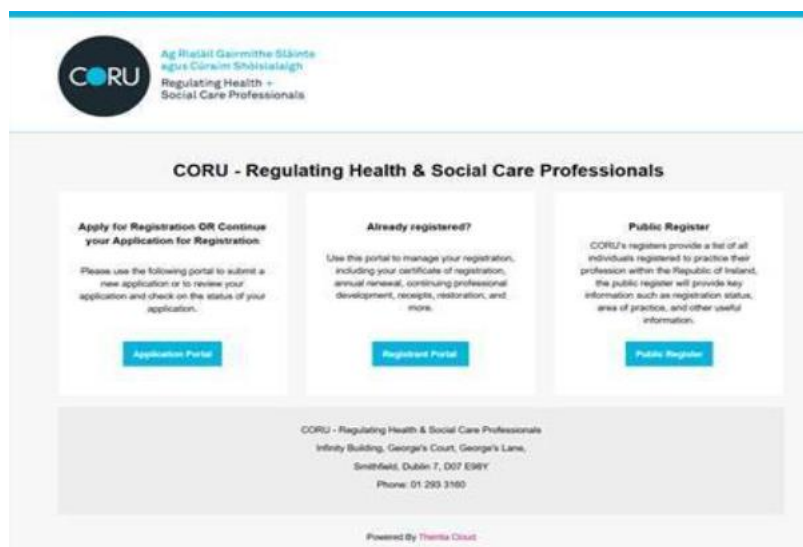
2) Generating a Certificate of Registration

An applicant whose application has been fully processed and who has entered the register will be able to provide a certificate of registration to evidence that they are permitting to use the professional title of Social Care Worker.

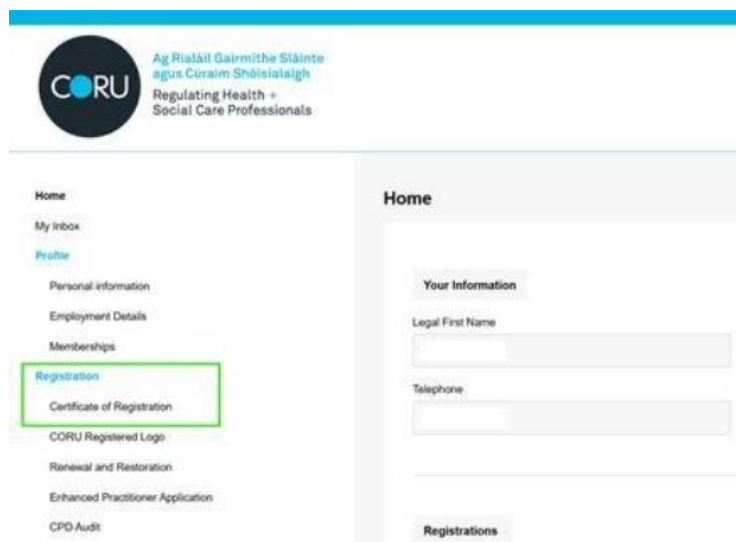
To Access your Certificate of Registration.

Once your application has been approved and you have registered.

1. Log into the Registrant Portal by choosing the middle option on the CORU Portal:



2. Navigate to the 'Certificate of Registration', on the left-hand side bar





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3. Here your Certificates will be listed, select 'Download Certificate' to get your pdf 'Certificate of Registration'

The screenshot shows the CORU website interface. The header includes the CORU logo and the text 'Ag Rialáil Gairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh' and 'Regulating Health + Social Care Professionals'. The sidebar on the left contains links: Home, My Inbox, Profile, Personal Information, Employment Details, Memberships, Registration, Certificate of Registration, CORU Registered Logo, Renewal and Restoration, Enhanced Practitioner Application, CPO Audit, and Requests. The main content area is titled 'Certificate of Registration' and contains the text: 'If you have a valid registration that includes a certificate of registration you can download a copy of the certificate here:'. Below this is a table with the following rows:

Registration Type	
Occupational Therapist	Download Certificate
Optometrist	Download Certificate
Social Care Worker	Download Certificate
Social Worker	Download Certificate

The 'Download Certificate' link for 'Social Care Worker' is highlighted with a green rectangle.