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# THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

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## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN APPLYING FOR REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP OF PSI

**Thank you for applying for Registered Membership of the Psychological Society of Ireland. This short guide to the application process may be of use to you. If you have a query at any stage of the process, please refer to the accompanying document, “Guidelines for Registered Membership, August 2000” or contact the PSI office.**

**Please note: This document is intended as a guideline for those interested in applying for registered membership of the Society and is in no way indicative of any decision which might be made regarding the outcome of any membership application.**

### **BENEFITS OF REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP**

The Society is the learned and professional body for the profession in Ireland, with the primary object of advancing psychology as a pure and applied science in Ireland and elsewhere. It has been in existence since 1970. Membership brings with it many benefits.

- Option to join any of PSI numerous divisions (membership based on qualification) and special interest groups to foster further interest in different areas of psychology
- Continuing Professional Development – PSI has developed a formal system of CPD to give members the opportunity to update their skills and have formal recognition of this. The linking of CPD activity with PSI Registration was passed at the 2004 General Meeting and is currently being operationalised by the Society.
- Entry into the PSI Ancillary Service Scheme.
- Members are governed and protected by The Society’s Code of Ethics in carrying out their professional duties.
- Insurance companies often request individuals in private practice to be members of PSI in order to obtain professional indemnity insurance.
- Representation – as the recognised professional body for the profession in Ireland, the Society is regularly asked by Government Departments to participate in and contribute to relevant fora.
- Members are entitled to substantially reduced fees at the PSI annual conference
- Members receive monthly issues of The Irish Psychologist – the monthly magazine published in-house with psychology related features, articles, events, advertisements and Society news.
- Members also receive a quarterly issue of The Irish Journal of Psychology – the main academic Irish journal of professional psychology
- Members receive regular news updates of PSI developments, publications, seminars, workshops etc.

In addition to the above Registered Members have the following benefits:

- The use of the title “Registered Psychologist of the Psychological Society of Ireland” and the abbreviations Reg Psychol PsSI.

- An annual Registration Certificate

Details of Registered Members can be made available to members of the public, with the member's permission via the Society's website, List of Registered Psychologists or by telephone. Only those Members of the Society that are accepted for Registered Membership can publicly claim the title "Registered Psychologists of the Psychological Society of Ireland" and a particular responsibility is placed upon them to guard the Society's Code of Professional Ethics.

## PROCESSING STAGES

1. Once an application for Registered Membership is received in the PSI office, the procedure is as follows:
  - The application is checked to ensure that all relevant documentation has been provided. Where documentation is incomplete, a notice will be sent to you, informing you of what is outstanding. If your application is incomplete, it cannot be passed to MQRC and further action on your application will not occur until the required documentation is provided. Please see overleaf for details of documentation required.
  - The application is also checked to ensure that the correct processing fee is enclosed. A non-refundable fee of €150 is charged for the scrutiny of applications for Registered Membership.
2. Please note that if you are re-applying for Registration, only pages 1 through to 6 of the membership form needs to be completed.

## DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- Separate sheets you may decide to attach.
- Photocopies, not originals, of degree and qualification certificates.
- Official transcripts of degree scripts of degree and qualifications obtained abroad.
- In the case of applicants from abroad, evidence of membership, registration or licensing from the applicant's national society, registration or licensing board.
- Supervisors reports (pages 8-12).
- The correct fee
- Have you completed all pages relevant to your application?
- Have you made a copy of your completed application?

**All membership applications received by the Society must be considered firstly by the Membership, Qualification, Registration Committee (MQRC) and then by the Council of the Society. Both bodies usually meet every four weeks, with meetings synchronised to allow for an efficient yet meticulous application process. Therefore, the application process for graduate membership can take up to six weeks (where all relevant documentation is provided). For MQRC meeting dates, please refer to the Irish Psychologist magazine or contact the PSI office.**