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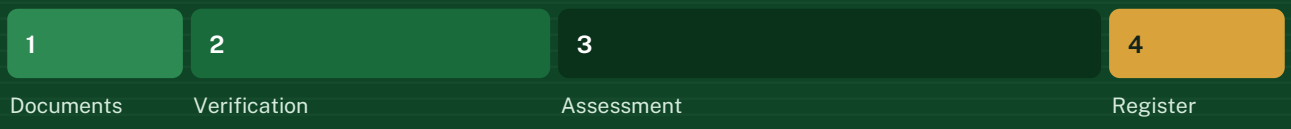
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CORU registration guide

Step-by-step guide for radiographers with qualifications gained outside Ireland

Typical end-to-end timeline: 6 to 12 months



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Before you start

This guide walks you through the CORU registration process in the order it actually happens: what to prepare, what each stage involves, how long it usually takes, and what tends to slow people down. It is written for radiographers and is useful for most allied health professionals, because the process is largely the same across titles.

How to use it

- Read the whole guide once before paying any fee. Most delays start with a document that was missing or wrong at the beginning.
- Use the document checklist to collect everything before you open your application.
- Use the timeline planner to record reference numbers and dates. You will be asked for them.
- Check every requirement against the official website on the day you apply. Rules, fees and forms change.

Important
This is an independent guide based on personal experience of the process and on publicly available information. It is not affiliated with or endorsed by CORU or any other authority, and it is not legal, immigration or visa advice.
Only the regulator decides whether you are registered or licensed. No guide or consultant can guarantee a result or speed up a decision. Where this guide gives typical timelines, they are ranges seen in practice, not official service standards.
Never pay anyone who promises a guaranteed licence, an exam "shortcut" or a way around verification. Submitting false or altered documents can lead to a permanent ban.

CORU at a glance

Regulator	CORU, Ireland's regulator for health and social care professionals. Radiographers are regulated by its Radiographers Registration Board.
Protected title	In Ireland you may not use the title "Radiographer" or practise as one without being on the CORU register.
Two stages	If you qualified outside Ireland, you first apply for recognition of your qualification. Only after recognition do you apply to join the register. Registration is a separate application with its own fee.
Verification	CORU verifies your qualification and registration itself, usually by asking the issuing bodies to confirm details directly. There is no DataFlow step.
Exam	No routine entry exam. If your training differs significantly from Irish standards, CORU can require a compensation measure such as an aptitude test or an adaptation period.
English	Applicants may need to show English language competence, depending on where and in what language they trained. CORU publishes the accepted tests and minimum scores.
Typical time	6 to 12 months end to end. The assessment itself is usually faster than gathering the documents.

Start with the curriculum
The document that holds up most CORU applications is the detailed course curriculum: module descriptions with hours of theory and hours of clinical placement. Universities can take months to produce it. Request it on day one.

How CORU assesses you

CORU compares your education and experience with what an Irish-trained radiographer achieves: the standards of proficiency and the criteria for education and training set by the Radiographers Registration Board.

Assessors look for evidence that your programme covered the required areas in enough depth, with enough supervised clinical practice. Relevant work experience can help make up for differences in training, so describe your experience in detail.

Possible outcomes

Recognition granted	You can apply to join the register.
Compensation measure	You must first complete an adaptation period (supervised practice in Ireland) or pass an aptitude test, usually with a choice between them where the rules allow.
Further information	CORU asks for more evidence before deciding. Reply fully and quickly.
Refusal	You receive reasons and information on how to request a review.

Step by step

1 Gather documents and request the curriculum

Typical time: 4 to 12 weeks

Download the current recognition application pack for radiographers from coru.ie and read the guidance notes. Then request everything that must come from third parties.

What you need

- Certified copy of your passport.
- Certified copy of your degree certificate and full transcript.
- Detailed curriculum: module descriptions with theory hours and clinical placement hours, ideally by imaging modality.
- Evidence of professional registration or licence in each country where you practised.
- Certificate of current professional status (good standing) from each regulator, sent as CORU instructs.
- Employment references or verification letters with exact dates and duties.
- English language test results, if required.

> **Tips from experience**
> Ask the university for a signed, stamped letter confirming your total clinical placement hours, split by area (general radiography, CT, MRI and so on).
> Check how CORU wants each document certified and whether some must be sent directly by the issuing body.

2 Submit the recognition application

Typical time: 1 to 2 weeks

Complete the application form, pay the recognition fee and send your documents as CORU instructs. You receive an acknowledgement and a case reference.

Write your experience section carefully. Describe each role by modality, case mix and responsibilities, because experience can count towards gaps in training.

> **Tips from experience**
> Keep a full copy of what you submitted, with page numbers, so you can answer questions precisely.

3 Verification and completeness check

Typical time: 4 to 12 weeks

CORU checks that the application is complete and contacts your university and regulators to verify documents. It writes to you if anything is missing.

> **Tips from experience**
> Warn your university registry and previous regulators that CORU will contact them, and follow up if they are slow.

4 Assessment and decision

Typical time: 8 to 16 weeks

Your file is assessed against the Irish standards. CORU then issues a decision: recognition, a compensation measure, a request for further information, or a refusal.

> **Tips from experience**
> If a compensation measure is offered, ask employers in Ireland whether they can support an adaptation period. Some actively recruit candidates in this position.

5 Apply to join the register

Typical time: 2 to 6 weeks

Recognition is not registration. Once recognised, submit the registration application and pay the registration fee. You can only use the title and practise once your name appears on the register.

Registration is renewed every year, and you must meet CORU's continuing professional development requirements.

Document checklist

Identity

- [ ] Certified passport copy
- [ ] Name-change document, if needed

Education

- [ ] Certified degree certificate
- [ ] Certified full transcript
- [ ] Detailed curriculum with theory and clinical hours
- [ ] University letter confirming clinical placement hours by area

Registration

- [ ] Licence or registration from each country where you practised
- [ ] Certificate of current professional status from each regulator

Experience

- [ ] Reference or verification letter from each employer: exact dates, job title, duties, modalities
- [ ] Detailed CV

Language

- [ ] English test result, if required, meeting CORU's current minimum scores

Fees

- [ ] Recognition fee paid
- [ ] Registration fee ready for stage 5

Timeline planner

Stage	Typical	Started	Completed	Reference / notes
Curriculum requested	Day 1			
All documents gathered	4-12 wks			
Recognition application sent	1-2 wks			
Application complete / verified	4-12 wks			
Decision received	8-16 wks			
Registration application	1 wk			
On the register	2-6 wks			

What usually causes delays

Curriculum missing	No module descriptions or clinical hours. This is the single most common delay.
Wrong certification	Copies certified by someone CORU does not accept, or not certified at all.
Thin experience evidence	Reference letters that give dates but not duties or modalities.
Third-party silence	Universities or regulators that do not reply to CORU. Follow up yourself.
Treating recognition as registration	Forgetting that registration is a separate application and fee after recognition.

Working in Ireland

- Public and private employers both recruit internationally. Many adverts state "CORU registered or eligible", so mention your stage clearly on your CV.
- Employment permits and visas are outside the scope of this guide. Ask your employer, and use official Irish government sources.

Official sources

Bookmark these and check them before each paid step. If anything in this guide differs from the official page, the official page is correct.

Source	What it is for
coru.ie	CORU: recognition and registration for radiographers, fees, English language rules
coru.ie register	Public register to confirm a registration

Glossary

CORU	Ireland's health and social care professionals regulator
RRB	Radiographers Registration Board, part of CORU
Recognition	Approval of a qualification gained outside Ireland
Compensation measure	Adaptation period or aptitude test required when training differs from Irish standards
CPD	Continuing professional development

About this guide

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