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IE Pharmacist registration in Ireland

To practise as a pharmacist in Ireland you need two separate steps with the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI): recognition of your non-EU qualification through the Third Country Qualification Recognition (TCQR) process, then registration. Facts checked against official sources on **20 November 2026**.

TCQR EXAM IN DUBLIN If the holistic assessment finds gaps, you must pass the TCQR exam (MCQ, OSCE or both), run by RCSI in person in Dublin only. Published 2027 dates: 16–17 Feb, 28–29 Jul, 17–18 Sep, 19–20 Nov. Places are limited and you may not get your first choice. PSI quotes waits of 4–6 months at Stage 1 and 6 months at Stage 2.

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Prepare	**Stage 1**	**Stage 2**	**TCQR exam**	**English test**	**Registration**
NARIC, third parties	validity check	paper review	Path B only	IELTS, OET, TOEFL, CAE	PSI register
1–3 months (est.)	4–6 months	about 6 months	up to 12 months	1–3 months (est.)	after certificate

The route, step by step

1 Gather your documents
Get a NARIC Ireland statement, have the statutory declaration witnessed in Ireland or at an Irish embassy, and ask your university and regulator to send papers directly to PSI.
Time: 1–3 months (est.)

2 Submit the TCQR application
Email forms TCQR1, TCQR2 and TCQR3 with your documents to PSI. PSI checks eligibility and completeness. You have 6 months to complete the file.
Time: 4–6 months · Cost: €500

3 Holistic assessment
External assessors compare your degree, practical training and home regulatory system with the Irish standard. Experience and CPD count only if gaps are found.
Time: about 6 months · Cost: €1,000

4 Pass the TCQR exam if required
If gaps are found, you sit the MCQ, the OSCE or both, in person in Dublin. Each part must be passed on its own.
Time: up to 12 months · Cost: €2,250–3,000

5 Prove your English
Needed for registration, not for recognition. One sitting, every minimum met, result under 2 years old. Home-based tests are not accepted.
Time: 1–3 months (est.) · Cost: set by test provider

6 Apply for registration
With your certificate of qualification appropriate for practice and English evidence, apply through the PSI online registration portal.
Time: after certificate · Cost: €698

Official fees	Amount
TCQR Stage 1 application Paid by card through a PSI payment link after you apply. No refunds at any stage.	**€500**
TCQR Stage 2 holistic assessment Requested when your file is due to go to the assessors.	**€1,000**
TCQR exam (Path B only) MCQ €2,250 · OSCE €2,750 · MCQ and OSCE €3,000. A place is held only once paid.	**€2,250–3,000**
Appeal of Stage 2 outcome Optional, only if you appeal the holistic assessment.	**€300**
First registration as pharmacist From 1 May 2026. Rises to €732 from 1 May 2027 and €765 from 1 May 2028.	**€698**

Exam pattern: online or onsite?

TCQR exam Part 1: MCQ ONSITE
Part A: pharmaceutical calculations · Part B: applied pharmacy practice · Parts A and B passed independently · Held in English

TCQR exam Part 2: OSCE ONSITE
Structured, practice-based scenarios · Tests clinical and professional skills · Passed independently of the MCQ · No compensation between components

English language test TEST CENTRE
IELTS Academic, TOEFL iBT, CAE or OET · All parts at one sitting · Every minimum and the total must be met · One-skill retakes not accepted

Timelines

- PSI's current approximate processing times: Stage 1 about 4–6 months, Stage 2 about 6 months, Stage 3B exams up to 12 months. Applications are queued at Stages 1 and 2.
- Your file must be complete within 6 months of applying, or it is closed and you must apply again.
- Certificates of professional status are valid for 3 months from issue, and English results for 2 years, so time them carefully.

Typical total: About 1–2.5 years (est.)

Keep these separate

- Licence ≠ visa ≠ job. PSI recognition and registration give no right to enter or live in Ireland. Permits and visas are decided by government departments.
- Anyone practising as a pharmacist in Ireland must be on the PSI register. A recognition certificate alone does not allow you to practise.
- Pharmacist being on the Critical Skills list does not create a job. An employer must offer you a qualifying role, and nothing in this process is guaranteed.

How ASGHCA supports you

- PSI TCQR exam preparation
- International Career Mapping: consult, assess, roadmap, prepare
- Documentation and registration guidance
- English test preparation: IELTS, PTE and OET
- 1-on-1 mentorship, CV and interview support
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