

Construction Industry Register Ireland (CIRI)

Ireland

	<p>Summary</p> <p>The Construction Industry Register Ireland (CIRI) is a new statutory register, making it a legal requirement for all providers of building works to be registered. When established, CIRI will be an online register of competent builders, contractors, specialist sub-contractors and tradespersons. The register will be recognised as the primary online resource used by consumers in the public and private procurement of building provider works.</p>
<p>Title of the practice in original language</p>	<p>Construction Industry Register Ireland (CIRI)</p>
<p>Name(s) of authorities/bodies/organisations involved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Construction Industry Federation (CIF); ▶ Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH).
<p>Sectors</p>	<p>Construction and woodworking</p>
<p>Target groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Construction companies & professionals (directly targeted); ▶ Consumers of building provider works (indirectly targeted).
<p>Purpose of measure</p>	<p>Prevention</p>


	<p>Aims and objectives</p> <p>The overall aim of CIRI is to set up a Register to regulate providers of building works, determine required standards and competence and provide a procedure for complaints against CIRI registrants to be investigated and adjudicated upon.</p>
<p>Background context</p>	<p>The Regulation of Providers of Building Works and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 was enacted and signed into law on 5 July 2022.</p> <p>In early 2023, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage appointed the Construction Industry Federation (CIF) as the CIRI Registration Body.</p>



	<p>An Admissions and Registration Board was established by the CIF in late 2023, including appointments by the Minister, and a Registrar was appointed in January 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Regulation of Providers of Building Works Act 2022 makes it mandatory for all providers of building works to register with the new online Construction Industry Register Ireland (CIRI).
<p>Key objectives of the measure</p>	<p>General objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ To ensure a reputable industry subject to regulatory oversight, and to foster improved standards and continuing professional development throughout the Irish building sector. <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ To be the primary consumer online resource in the public and private procurement of building provider works; ▶ To provide a register for consumers of committed, competent and regulated building providers. To address shadow economy activity in the building construction sector and ensure fairer competition for compliant building providers.ⁱ
<p>Main activities</p>	<p>Government – Minister</p> <p>The Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) appointed CIF as the registration body to develop, implement and maintain the register.</p> <p>Registration Body</p> <p>The Construction Industry Federation (CIF) is the registration body appointed by the DHLGH, to perform the functions conferred to the registration body under the Regulation of Providers of Building Works and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022.</p> <p>These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Establish an Admissions and Registration Board ▶ Appoint a CIRI Registrar, staff members and inspectors ▶ Establish a Register ▶ Prepare a Code of Practice ▶ Establish and maintain a CIRI induction course ▶ Prepare an Annual Report including accounts ▶ Specify indemnity



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Publish sanctions and convictions <p>CIRI Admissions and Registration Board</p> <p>The CIRI Admissions and Registration Board (CARB) was approved by the DHLGH. It is independent in the performance of its functions.</p> <p>These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Establish registration divisions; ▶ Approve recommendations of registrants to the register; ▶ Oversee regulations on qualifications, competence and skills required for CIRI registration. <p>Registrar</p> <p>The CIRI Registrar leads and manages the CIRI office within the CIF. The Registrar is responsible for developing and maintaining the register and facilitating the work of the CARB.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Maintaining the register; ▶ Referring complaints to the Board; ▶ Notifying a registered person of court decision regarding sanctions/convictions.
<p>Funding/organisational resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The development of CIRI is state funded. Once established it is to be self-funding with an annual subscription fee paid per registrant. ▶ The CIRI Admissions and Registration Board comprises a chairperson and 10 members. The chairperson is a registered construction professional approved by the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

	<p>Outcomes</p> <p>When the register is established, CIRI will be seen as a mark of quality for providers of building works in one or more register divisions. Through oversight and approval mechanisms, it will improve levels of competence and compliance in the industry.</p>
<p>Achievement of objectives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ It is expected that more than 20,000 providers of building works will ultimately register on CIRI;



	<p>► The CIRI Office in the CIF is working with the Admissions and Registration Board to complete the tasks required including the development of an online CRM system. CIRI is welcomed in the industry by building practitioners and consumers.</p>
Lessons learnt and success factors	<p>Establishing oversight and regulation in the industry will lead to improvements in the levels of competence and compliance, as well as improving the reputation of providers of building works.</p> <p>Structured and targeted CPD programmes help to keep companies up-to-date on best practices and regulatory obligations and address areas of risk.</p>
Transferability	<p>A statutory online register of providers of building works is transferable to other Member States. The necessary legislative and administrative frameworks would need to be put in place to implement it successfully.</p>

Further information

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Useful sources and resources	<p>Construction Industry Register Ireland (CIRI) website</p> <p>https://cif.ie/ciri/</p> <p>Construction Industry Federation (CIF) website</p> <p>https://cif.ie/</p> <p>Regulation of Providers of Building Works and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022</p> <p>https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2022/act/15/enacted/en/pdf</p>

ⁱ See Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (2022)