

## **INFORMATION NOTE**

### **UPDATE TO THE RECOGNITION PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS TO THE SAFE ELECTRIC AND REGISTERED GAS INSTALLER (RGI) SCHEMES**

The CRU has today, 30 June 2023, published this Information Note alongside the following documents regarding the recognition process for International Applicant to the Safe Electric and RGI schemes:

#### ***Gas***

- Guidance Notes for the Gas Recognition Process for International Qualifications for Eligible Persons under S.I. 8/2017 – RGI Scheme
- Essential Learning Outcomes / Key Understandings of the Accepted Irish Professional Qualifications for entry to the RGI Scheme. Information for Eligible Persons under S.I. 8/2017
- Gas Recognition Process Application Form (International Qualifications) for Eligible Persons under S.I. 8/2017 – Registered Gas Installer (RGI) Scheme

#### ***Electrical***

- Guidance Notes: Electrical Recognition Process for International Qualifications for Eligible Persons under S.I. 8/2017 – Safe Electric Scheme
- Electrical Recognition Process for Eligible Persons under S.I. 8/2017 - Essential Learning Outcomes of the Accepted Irish Professional Qualifications for entry to the Safe Electric Scheme



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- Electrical Recognition Process Application Form (International Qualifications) for Eligible Persons under S.I. 8/2017 – Safe Electric Scheme

These documents are available at: <https://www.cru.ie/regulations-policy/safety/international-qualifications/>

The CRU has updated the process for ‘eligible persons’ under Regulation 3 [S.I. No. 8/2017 - European Union \(Recognition of Professional Qualifications\) Regulations 2017](#) and who meet requirements under Regulation 4 to have their qualifications recognised in respect of the Safe Electric and RGI schemes. These changes improve compliance with EU Directive 2005/36/EC, as amended. Applicants who do not meet the requirements of an ‘eligible person’ must continue to apply using the current process in place.

This Information Note updates decision paper [CRU/19/094](#) – *Decision Paper on the Recognition Processes for Professional Qualifications for entry to the Safe Electric and RGI Schemes* published on 2 August 2019. This Information Note should be read in conjunction with the updated Guidance Notes.

A summary of the changes for eligible persons who can apply through this system are set out below:

- **Improved clarity** on the **process and requirements** to assist Applicants in submitting applications and understanding the requirements, such as clear information on possible outcomes of the process, detail where compensation measures will be considered (substantial deficits) etc;
- **Simplification** of and **reduction** in information requested from the Applicant;



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- Increased flexibility on **documentation** to be submitted by Applicants and clearer information on **documentation** which will be acceptable e.g. Attestations of Competence;
- The inclusion of **Partial Access** as a possible outcome of the process and provision for members with Partial Access in the schemes;
- The inclusion of a process for service providers who wish to provide services in Ireland on a **Temporary** basis;
- **Compensation Measures** have been amended:
  - **Aptitude tests** have been modified and will be carried out in the form of an individualised interview;
  - There will be no requirement to sit an assessment at the end of the **Adaptation Period** in order to complete the Adaptation Period.
- Removal of the requirement to submit **certified copies** of documentation and **certified translations**;

The CRU will continue to keep these documents under review and update these as required to ensure compliance with the requirements of Directive 2005/36/EC, as amended.