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# Professional Diploma in Professional Regulation

Professionals such as doctors, nurses, pharmacists, accountants, solicitors, teachers, architects and social workers are now subject to statutory regulation. By undertaking this 12-week Diploma at UCD Sutherland School of Law, regulators, the regulated, employers, representative bodies and professional advisers can enhance their knowledge of this increasingly topical area of law.



## Your studies

This is a Level 9, 20 ECTS credit professional diploma, delivered by leading academics and professionals who specialise in this area of law. Lectures will focus in detail on all stages of the disciplinary process including the grounds for making a complaint, the screening of complaints, interim suspension orders, the role of mediation in professional regulation, the conduct of oral hearings, the imposition of sanctions and the publication of the outcome of disciplinary proceedings. The following topics will also be addressed:

- The role of a regulator and the nature of regulatory proceedings
- Applicable principles of administrative law
- Key judicial decisions
- High Court oversight of regulatory decisions including judicial review
- International developments in professional regulation

In addition the course provides an opportunity to connect and share learning with other participants. The assessment strategy involves a written assignment and a class presentation.

## Who is it for?

The diploma is not just for barristers or solicitors. The programme has been successfully completed by representatives of regulators (board members, members of disciplinary committees and members of the executive), solicitors and barristers among others. The course provides valuable recognition in advancing professional careers.

## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

This diploma provided an in-depth examination of the law and practice and procedures as they apply to the fast growing area of professional regulation. The hands on approach, with lectures given by experts in the area, ensured a great learning experience with very practical applications. The comprehensive study of relevant case law and the manner in which it was applied in practice ensured this course was an invaluable addition to anyone working in this area.

### Shane McCarthy

*Solicitor and Notary Public, operating as  
Shane F McCarthy & Co Solicitors*

The Professional Diploma in Professional Regulation was a wonderful experience for me and helped broaden my knowledge of the legislation governing regulatory bodies.

To have the opportunity to sit and listen to lecturers who were so well informed and interesting was a highlight for me.

I find myself referring to the information I learnt on the programme and applying it to a number of situations in my work environment which has been very useful. I thoroughly enjoyed the course.

### Bernie Chamberlaine

*Case Officer – Legal Affairs Unit  
Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland*