Construction Industry Register Ireland

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Background

- April 2012 – Strengthening the Building Control System - DoECLG
- Future Focus referred to:
  - Register of Approved Certifiers;
  - Registration of Builders and Contractors; and
  - Electronic lodgement of design drawings at Commencement
- DoECLG invited CIF to submit proposals relating to voluntary registration process for builders and contractors
CIRI

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CIRI

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Governance

- Construction Industry Register Ireland (CIRI) – established and operated by CIF
- Construction Industry Registration Board
- Complaints and Appeals Committee
- Executive and Administration Office
Who is Register For

Designed for all construction practitioners including:

- Main contractors and builders who deliver overall projects
- Specialist contractors and sub contractors who deliver overall projects and/or elements of projects
- Other trades who may be engaged by other contractors, sub contractors or by domestic clients

Annual registration required
Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014

- Appointment of Competent Builders
- CIRI Registration No for Registered Builders
- Code of Practice for Inspecting and Certifying Buildings and Works:
  - “Builders included on the Construction Industry Register Ireland or equivalent may be regarded as competent for projects consistent with their registration profile”
Entry to the Register

- Practical experience of working in construction, generally for a period of no less than 3 years.
- Knowledge/understanding of the legislative and regulatory context in which construction is practiced.
- Delivery of construction services/construction management experience.
- Adherence to Code of Ethics and Member Obligations applicable.
- Commitment to CPD/ongoing training and development.
- An acceptable record which demonstrates compliance with regulatory requirements pertinent to the industry.
Quality Assurance Checks

Commitment that registered members:

- Only undertake works that they are competent to undertake
- Any persons employed/engaged to be competent to undertake the works for which they are engaged
- Undertake construction works in accordance with any plans and specifications issued
- Cooperate with any inspection programmes in place
- Where appropriate, certify that the works are in compliance with the requirements of the building regulations
- Notify the CIRB of any enforcement convictions under the Building Control Act within 20 working days.
Consumer Protection

Commit to adhere to business management processes so that:

- Adequate insurances are maintained
- Where standard forms of contract and tendering procedures are not in use, submit written quotations for work clearly setting out the scope of the work, scales of charges and payment terms
- Where day work is proposed, day rates to be specified
- Provide guarantees as to quality of workmanship in accordance with the contract
Consumer Protection

Commit to adhere to business management processes so that:

- In the event of incapacity, arrange for a suitably competent understudy to carry out his/her contracted work, with the nominated firm/individual agreed with the client in advance
- Use all materials in accordance with manufacturers’ recommendations
- Respect the client’s property and wider environment and
- Demonstrate to the client all necessary maintenance requirements or operational features of plant and equipment installed.
Shadow Economy

Registered members:

- Must submit a valid Tax Clearance Certificate on date of application for entry on Register
- Include their registered number and the Register logo on all development sites and vans in use
- Retain records of all safe pass cards in respect of staff engaged on site and
- Encourage sub-contractors / specialists to become members of the Construction Industry Register Ireland.
Construction Industry Registration Board

- Makes formal decisions on applications for registration
- Chairperson and 10 members who have relevant knowledge of the construction industry
- Chairperson appointed by President of CIF in consultation with Minister for the Environment Community and Local Government
Construction Industry Registration Board

10 Members nominated as follows:

- 1 by the DoECLG
- 1 by the OPW
- 1 by the DoJEI
- 1 from a relevant 3rd level educational institution nominated by the Minister for Education
- 1 by the Housing Agency to represent consumers
- 5 by the CIF, of which at least 2 shall be members of a construction professional body who shall not be employees of a registered member of CIRI.
Construction Industry Registration Board

CIRB Members

- Hank Fogarty, Chairman
- Martin Vaughan, DoECLG
- Deirdre Fox, nominated by Housing Agency representing Consumers
- Cormac Allen, nominated by Department of Education and Skills representing 3rd level colleges
- Liam Egan, OPW
- Paul Forde, Chartered Engineer nominated by CIF
- Kevin Sheridan, chartered Surveyor nominated by CIF
- Mel O’Reilly, Contractor nominated by CIF
- Brian McKeon, Builder nominated by CIF
- Brendan Duffy, Specialist Contractor nominated by CIF
- Brian Higgisson, (HSA) nominated by Dept of Jobs Enterprise and Innovation
Complaints and Appeals Committee (CAC)

Functions of the CAC shall include adjudication on:

- All appeals from applicants and registered firms concerning decisions arising from the Assessment Process;
- All complaints from applicants and registered firms concerning decisions of the CIRB;
- Detailed complaints from owners/clients in relation to the registration of members;
- The Complaints and Appeals Committee’s decisions are binding on the Registration Organisation.
Member Information

- Name and address of Registered Member
  - Self description of activities/ building services offered – core areas of competence and annual scale of business operations
- Registered Address of Company/ Contact Details
- Geographical area of operations
- Website Address
- Company Registration No if applicable
- Year Established
- Contact Name:
  - Email address:
  - Phone number:
Description of Business Activity:

- Extension and Refurbishment:
  - Residential
  - Commercial and Industrial

- House Building:
  - Single Houses
  - Multi-Unit Housing Developments

- Main Contracting:
  - General Building
  - Commercial and Industrial

- Civil Engineering Contracting

- Electrical Contracting
  - Domestic
  - Commercial and Industrial

- Mechanical/ Plumbing and Heating Contracting
  - Domestic
  - Commercial and Industrial

- Other Specialist Trades
Member Information

- Other Specialist Trades
  - Demolition
  - Site Infrastructure and Development
  - Formwork and Structural Concrete
  - Piling and Precast Concrete
  - Conservation and Restoration
  - Dampness Protection
  - Structural Steel
  - Masonry & Blockwork
  - Roofing and Cladding
  - Windows and Glazing
  - Insulation and Air tightness
  - Plastering and Plastering Systems
  - Carpentry & Joinery
  - Floor, Wall, and Ceiling Finishes
  - Fittings and Furniture
  - Painting and Decorating
  - Scaffolding and Access
  - Hard and Soft Landscaping
  - Joinery
  - Fire Safety and Prevention
  - Radon Prevention
  - Radon Remediation
  - Building Maintenance
  - Traditional Crafts
  - Other Building Elements
Experience and Competence

- Samples of reference projects to reflect application profiles selected to be submitted:
  - Description of Project
  - Information on project value, scale, location
  - Reference Name
  - Contact Details
  - Start and End Dates
Experience and Competence

- Record re Convictions Under Building Control Regulations:
  - Over last 5 years
  - Ownerships of entities over past 5 years that may have ceased trading where convictions under Building Control apply.
Supporting Documentation to be Submitted

- Current Tax Clearance Certificate
- Confirmation from Insurance Broker or Company that Insurances are in place
- Confirmation that CIRI Induction Course is completed
Member Obligations

- Industry Code of Ethics:
  - General Principles
  - Construction Practice (actions in a given situation)
  - Legal and Regulatory Compliance
  - Business Management
  - Integrity and Disciplinary Compliance
- CPD Requirements
- Induction Programme
Current Status

- [www.ciri.ie](http://www.ciri.ie)
- Appointments to CIRB January 2014
- First meeting of the CIRB 20 February 2014
- CIRI Executive and Administration office established
- Marketing of Register
- Support from professionals in appointing ‘registered builders’
Challenges

- Acceptance of requirement to register
- Public acceptance of registration process
- Commitment to credible registration process
- Future direction including:
  - Statutory registration
  - Monitoring and inspection
Competence

DoECLG Code of Practice for Inspecting and Certifying Buildings and Works

- “Competent Person: a person is deemed to be a competent person where, having regard to the task he or she is required to perform and taking account of the size and complexity of the building or works, the person possesses sufficient training, experience and knowledge appropriate to the nature of work to be undertaken”

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Conclusion

- Confidence required in Register
- Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Statutory Certificates and Requirement for CIRI Registration No
- Lot done, more to do
- Lets make it work
Thank You