

## **PUBLIC CAN NOW CHECK PHARMACIST REGISTER ONLINE**

**Friday, September 5, 2008:** The PSI (Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland), the pharmacy regulator, has introduced a new online register that allows the public and patients to check if pharmacists are registered with the regulator, it was announced today.

Dr Ambrose McLoughlin, CEO of the PSI, described the development as the most recent move following the passage of the new legislation. "This is the latest phase in the implementation of Pharmacy Act 2007, which is progressing well. The register will allow patients, public, employers and others to check the registration status of a pharmacist or a person claiming to be a pharmacist, for the first time. It facilitates transparency, openness as well as accountability and is a safeguard to ensure public and patient safety. We will also soon be introducing a similar register for pharmacies."

The register, which can be accessed through the PSI website [www.pharmaceuticalsociety.ie](http://www.pharmaceuticalsociety.ie) by clicking on the 'Search our Registers' button, includes the details of all currently registered pharmacists and pharmaceutical assistants. The register will be updated daily and will contain the registered details on that day based on the latest information available to the PSI.

The register, and the register of pharmacies that is to be launched later in the year, will be published in accordance with the requirements of the Pharmacy Act 2007, which states that the PSI must ensure that the information in the register is available, without charge, to the public at all reasonable times.

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**Editor's Note:**

The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, the Pharmacy Regulator, is the statutory body for pharmacists and pharmacies in Ireland. It acts in the public interest to regulate the profession.