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Deputy Jim O'Callaghan
Dáil Éireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

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**Question: "To ask the Minister for Health if an Irish citizen who graduates with a medicine degree from a Northern Ireland University can be funded and return to work in the HSE notwithstanding the fact that they are classed as a tier 2 applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
-Jim O'Callaghan".**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

All doctors, including, interns must be registered by the Medical Council to practice medicine. The changes to the Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Bill 2022, which were amending the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 to provide that holders of UK medical degrees would be eligible to apply for intern registration with the Medical Council following Brexit, were enacted in 2023. These changes now mean that UK (including NI) Medical Degree holders are eligible for Intern registration with the Medical Council and therefore eligible to apply for internship in Ireland.

Please see the 2024 application guide for internship available at the following link which confirms this <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/jobs/job-search/medical-dental/nchd/interns/>.

Yours sincerely,

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