

# **TERTIARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (WALES) ACT 2022**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 4: Apprenticeships**

##### **Functions of the Welsh Ministers**

##### ***Section 115: Specification of requirements in relation to approved Welsh apprenticeships***

368. Subsection (1) gives the Welsh Ministers a power to specify requirements in relation to approved Welsh apprenticeships and the development of apprenticeship frameworks.
369. Requirements may relate to—
- the content of apprenticeship frameworks, including, but not limited to, the standards of attainment required, the qualification needed and the type and amount of training needed to complete an approved Welsh apprenticeship (subsection (2)),
  - the preparation, revision, withdrawal or publication of an apprenticeship framework (subsection (3)),
  - approved Welsh apprenticeships generally or approved Welsh apprenticeships in one or more occupations.
370. The Welsh Ministers must publish specified requirements and may revise or withdraw a requirement by issuing a replacement specification requirement or by issuing a notice of withdrawal (subsections (5) and (6)). The published requirements and notices must state the date on which the specification requirement, or withdrawal notice, comes into force (subsection (7)).

##### ***Section 116: Consultation by Welsh Ministers about specifications***

371. This section requires that the Welsh Ministers must first consult the Commission and any other persons they think appropriate before specifying, revising or withdrawing any requirements under section 114.