
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These are the third commencement Regulations made under the Professional Qualifications Act 2022 (“the Act”). They bring into force on 1st December 2023 section 5(1) of the Act which revokes the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015 (“the 2015 Regulations”).

The 2015 Regulations, as amended by the Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (2019/312) (“the 2019 Regulations”) set out an interim system for the recognition of professional qualifications from the EEA and Switzerland.

These Regulations commence the revocation of the 2015 Regulations. Part 1 of the Schedule contains transitional and savings provisions in respect of recognition obtained and applications made, but not determined, on and after 31 December 2020 and before the date when the 2015 Regulations are revoked. Transitional and savings provisions in respect of the period before 31 December 2020 are contained in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the 2019 Regulations. Part 2 of the Schedule to these Regulations makes specific savings for the application of the 2015 Regulations to certain qualifications obtained in the Republic of Ireland in order to support the Common Travel Area between the United Kingdom and Ireland.