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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 642**

**EDUCATION, ENGLAND**  
**EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Education (Repeal of Arrangements  
for Vocational Qualifications Awarded or  
Authenticated in Northern Ireland) Order 2016**

*Made* - - - - *13th June 2016*

*Coming into force* - - *14th June 2016*

The Secretary of State for Education, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 130(5) and (6) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009(1) makes the following Order.

In accordance with section 130(7) of that Act, the Secretary of State for Education has consulted the Department for Employment and Learning in Northern Ireland.

In accordance with section 262(6) of that Act, a draft of this Order was laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as The Education (Repeal of Arrangements for Vocational Qualifications Awarded or Authenticated in Northern Ireland) Order 2016 and comes into force on 1st April 2016 or, if later, on the day after the day on which it is made.

**Repeal of section 130(2)(b) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009**

2. In section 130 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (regulated qualifications and regulated assessment arrangements), omit subsection (2)(b).

**Consequential repeals and revocations**

3. The Schedule contains consequential repeals and revocations.

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(1) 2009 c.22. There are amendments to section 262(6) which are not relevant to this Order.

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13th June 2016

*Nick Gibb*  
Minister of State  
Department for Education

SCHEDULE

Article 3

Repeals and Revocations

**Table 1**

**Repeals**

<i>Title</i>	<i>Extent of repeal</i>
Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009	<p>In section 130(4)—</p> <p>(a) the words “or Northern Ireland” (in both places);</p> <p>(b) the words “(as the case may be)”</p> <p>Section 145(4).</p> <p>In section 151(7), paragraph (b) (and the “or” before it).</p> <p>In section 158(1), the definition of “Northern Ireland-only qualification”.</p> <p>Section 168(2).</p> <p>In section 171, subsections (6)(b) and (8)(b).</p> <p>In section 171(9) the words “in relation to England and to Northern Ireland”.</p> <p>In section 172(1), paragraph (b) of definition of “institution within the higher education sector”.</p> <p>In Schedule 9, paragraphs 2(7) and 4(12).</p>

**Table 2**

**Revocations**

<i>Title</i>	<i>Extent of revocation</i>
Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (Commencement No 3 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) and (Commencement No 2 (Amendment)) Order 2010	<p>Article 7.</p> <p>Article 9.</p> <p>Article 15(1)(b).</p> <p>Article 16(1) (b).</p>

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<i>Title</i>	<i>Extent of revocation</i>
	In article 16 “or (as the case may be) the CCEA”.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order repeals section 130(2)(b) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009. This means that Ofqual will no longer have statutory responsibility for regulating vocational qualifications awarded or authenticated in Northern Ireland after the date when the Order comes into force.

The Schedule makes consequential repeals to that Act and to the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (Commencement No 3 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) and (Commencement No 2 (Amendment)) Order 2010.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as limited impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.