EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Education (Recognised Bodies) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 lists all those bodies which appear to the Department for the Economy to be recognised within Article 3(2)(a) or (b) of the Education (Unrecognised Degrees) (Northern Ireland) Order 1988. Such bodies are either:-

(a) universities, colleges or other bodies authorised by Royal Charter or an Act of Parliament to grant degrees; or

(b) bodies which are, for the time being, permitted by any body falling within paragraph (a) to act on its behalf in the granting of degrees.

Article 3(1) of the 1988 Order makes it an offence to grant, offer to grant, or issue any invitation relating to certain unrecognised degrees and awards. That Article does not apply to any award made by a recognised body.

This Order amends the 2018 Order to add the Presbyterian Theological Faculty, Ireland to the list of recognised bodies contained in the Schedule to that Order.