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**NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS**

The European Nursing and Midwifery  
Qualifications Designation Order 1996

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred on him by section 11(3)(b) and (3A) and section 23(1) of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

PART I  
GENERAL

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the European Nursing and Midwifery Qualifications Designation Order 1996 and shall come into force on 1996 immediately after the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979 (Amendment) Regulations 1996(2).

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Order unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979;

“the Accession of Greece Act”, “the Accession of Spain and Portugal Act”, “the Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden Act” have the same meaning as in subsection (6) of section 22B of the Act(3);

“diploma” means a diploma, certificate or other evidence of formal qualifications;

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(1) 1979 c. 36; subsection (3A) of section 11 was inserted by S.I. 1983/884, article 3, and subsequently amended by S.I. 1984/1975; subsection (3) of section 11 was amended by and subsection (3B) was inserted by S.I. 1996/. Section 23(1) defines “prescribed” as “prescribed by the Secretary of State by order”.

(2) S.I. 1996/.

(3) Subsection (6) of section 22B was added by S.I. 1996/.

“the First Nursing Directive” means Council Directive No. [77/452/EEC](#)(4), concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of the formal qualifications of nurses responsible for general care, as adapted, amended or extended by the Accession of Greece Act, Council Directive No. [81/1057/EEC](#)(5), the Accession of Spain and Portugal Act, Council Directives Nos. [89/594/EEC](#)(6), [89/595/EEC](#)(7) and [90/658/EEC](#)(8), the EEA Agreement(9) and the Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden Act;

“the First Midwifery Directive” means Council Directive No. [80/154/EEC](#)(10), concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of the formal qualifications in midwifery, as adapted, amended or extended by Council Directive No. [80/1273/EEC](#)(11), the Accession of Spain and Portugal Act, Council Directives Nos. [89/594/EEC](#) and [90/658/EEC](#), the EEA Agreement and the Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden Act;

“the Nursing Directives” means the First and Second Nursing Directives;

“registration” means, in the case of a nursing qualification, registration in Part 1 of the professional register, and, in the case of a midwifery qualification, registration in Part 10 of that register;

“the Second Nursing Directive” means Council Directive No. [77/453/EEC](#)(12) concerning the coordination of provisions in respect of the activities of nurses responsible for general care as amended by Council Directive No. [89/595/EEC](#);

“the Second Midwifery Directive” means Council Directive No. [80/155/EEC](#)(13) concerning the coordination of provisions relating to the practice of midwifery as amended by Council Directive No. [89/594/EEC](#);

(2) In this Order “a competent authority certificate” means a certificate issued by a competent authority in an EEA State(14) stating that the person named in the certificate has practised effectively and lawfully as a nurse or, as the case may be, as a midwife for at least three years or, for the purposes of articles 4(4)(b) and 6(4)(b), two years, during the period of five years ending with the date of issue of the certificate.

(3) In this Order “an Article 4 certificate” means a certificate issued to a person by a competent authority in an EEA State in accordance with Article 4 of the First Midwifery Directive to the effect that the person, after qualifying as a midwife, has practised satisfactorily, for the period provided for in that Article, as a midwife in a hospital or other health establishment approved for the purposes of that Article.

(4) Any reference in this Order to—

- (a) “the implementation date” of the First or Second Nursing Directive;
- (b) “the date of entry into force” of the First Midwifery Directive; or
- (c) “the relevant date” in connection with the First Midwifery Directive,

is a reference to the date set out in Column 2, 3 or 4 as appropriate opposite the relevant State in Column 1 in the table in Schedule 1.

(5) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, a reference—

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(4) O.J. No. L176, 15.7.1977, p. 1.

(5) O.J. No. L385, 31.12.1981, p. 25.

(6) O.J. No. L341, 23.11.1989, p. 19.

(7) O.J. No. L341, 23.11.1989, p. 30.

(8) O.J. No. L353, 17.12.1990, p. 73.

(9) “the EEA Agreement” is defined in section 11(5) of the Act as amended by S.I. 1996/ .

(10) O.J. No. L33, 11.2.1980, p. 1.

(11) O.J. No. L375, 31.12.1980, p. 74.

(12) O.J. No. L176, 15.7.1977, p. 8.

(13) O.J. No. L33, 11.2.1980, p. 8.

(14) “EEA State” is defined in section 11(5) of the Act as amended by S.I. 1996/ .

- (a) to a numbered article or Schedule is to the article in or Schedule to this Order bearing that number;
- (b) in an article to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph of that article bearing that number; and
- (c) in a paragraph to a numbered or lettered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph in that paragraph bearing that number or letter.

## PART II

### DESIGNATION OF QUALIFICATIONS HAVING COMMUNITY EQUIVALENCE FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSES

#### **Qualifications in respect of which a diploma specified in Schedule 2 is awarded on or after the implementation date or relevant date**

3.—(1) Subject to article 9 (transitional provisions for Spanish midwifery qualifications) and paragraph (2), a professional qualification in respect of which a diploma specified in Part I (nursing diplomas) or Part II (midwifery diplomas) of Schedule 2 is granted in an EEA State—

- (a) in the case of a nursing qualification, on or after the implementation date of the Nursing Directives, and which is not evidence of training commenced by the holder before that date; or
- (b) in the case of a midwifery qualification, on or after the relevant date,

is hereby designated as having Community equivalence for the purposes of registration.

(2) A midwifery qualification referred to in paragraph (1)—

- (a) in respect of which a diploma has been obtained in any EEA State following training which complies with all the training requirements in Article 1 of the Second Midwifery Directive; but
- (b) where the diploma is required to be recognised by other EEA States in pursuance of Article 2 of the First Midwifery Directive only if the holder has undertaken professional practice in respect of which a certificate complying with Article 4 of that Directive is issued,

shall have Community equivalence for the purposes of registration if it is accompanied by an Article 4 certificate relating to the holder.

#### **Qualifications in respect of which a diploma specified in Schedule 2 is awarded before the implementation date or relevant date or in respect of nursing training which began before the former date**

4.—(1) Subject to article 9 (transitional provisions for Spanish midwifery qualifications) and paragraph (2), a professional qualification in respect of which a diploma specified in Part I (nursing diplomas) or Part II (midwifery diplomas) of Schedule 2 is granted in an EEA State—

- (a) in the case of a qualification in nursing in general care, before the implementation date of the Nursing Directives or on or after that date in respect of a course of training begun before that date; or
- (b) in the case of a midwifery qualification, before the relevant date,

shall have Community equivalence for the purposes of registration.

(2) The diploma referred to in paragraph (1) shall—

- (a) be one granted in respect of training which complies with the requirements laid down—

- (i) in the case of a nursing qualification, in Article 1 of the Second Nursing Directive (minimum standards of training for nurses) or,
  - (ii) in the case of a midwifery qualification, in Article 1 of the Second Midwifery Directive (minimum standards of training for midwives),
- subject also in the case of a midwifery qualification to paragraphs (3) and (4); or
- (b) be accompanied by a competent authority certificate relating to the holder.
- (3) A midwifery qualification referred to in paragraph (1)—
- (a) in respect of which a diploma which falls within paragraphs (1) and (2) has been obtained; but
  - (b) where the diploma—
    - (i) is required to be recognised by other EEA States in pursuance of Article 2 of the First Midwifery Directive only if the holder has undertaken professional practice in respect of which a certificate complying with Article 4 of that Directive is issued, or
    - (ii) would be required to be so recognised if it had been obtained on or after the date of entry into force of the First Midwifery Directive,
 shall have Community equivalence for the purposes of registration if the requirement set out in paragraph (4) is satisfied.
- (4) The requirement referred to in paragraph (3) is that a diploma referred to in that paragraph must be accompanied by—
- (a) an Article 4 certificate relating to the holder; or
  - (b) if the diploma was obtained before the date of entry into force of the First Midwifery Directive, a competent authority certificate relating to the holder.

**Qualifications in respect of which a diploma not specified in Schedule 2 is awarded before the implementation date or relevant date in respect of training which does not comply with Directive requirements**

- 5.—(1) A professional qualification in respect of which a diploma specified in paragraph (2) is granted in an EEA State shall have Community equivalence for the purposes of registration if it is accompanied by a competent authority certificate.
- (2) The diploma referred to in paragraph (1) is—
- (a) a diploma in nursing in general care which is not specified in Part I of Schedule 2 and is granted—
    - (i) before the implementation date of the Nursing Directives or on or after that date in respect of a course of training begun before that date, and
    - (ii) in respect of training which does not comply with the requirements of Article 1 of the Second Nursing Directive (minimum standards of training for nurses); or
  - (b) a midwifery diploma which is not specified in Part II of Schedule 2 and is granted—
    - (i) before the relevant date, and
    - (ii) in respect of training which does not comply with the requirements of Article 1 of the Second Midwifery Directive (minimum standards of training for midwives).

**Qualifications in respect of which a diploma not specified in Schedule 2 is awarded in respect of training which complies with Directive requirements**

6.—(1) A professional qualification in respect of which a diploma specified in paragraph (2) is granted in an EEA State shall have Community equivalence for the purposes of registration, provided that, if it is a midwifery qualification which falls within paragraph (3), it also satisfies paragraph (4).

(2) The diploma referred to in paragraph (1) is one which—

- (a) is not specified in Part I (nursing diplomas) or Part II (midwifery diplomas) of Schedule 2; and
- (b) is accompanied by a certificate issued by the competent authority of the State which granted the diploma to the effect that the latter—
  - (i) was granted following training in accordance with the provisions of the Second Nursing Directive (minimum standards of training for nurses) or, as the case may be, the Second Midwifery Directive (minimum standards of training for midwives), and
  - (ii) is treated by that State as if it were a qualification in respect of which a diploma is listed, in relation to that State, in Article 3 of the First Nursing Directive (nursing qualifications) or, as the case may be, Article 3 of the First Midwifery Directive (midwifery qualifications).

(3) Paragraph 4 applies to a midwifery qualification in respect of which a midwife holds a diploma referred to in paragraph (1) which—

- (i) is required to be recognised by other EEA States in pursuance of Article 2 of the First Midwifery Directive only if the holder has undertaken professional practice in respect of which a certificate complying with Article 4 of that Directive is issued, or
- (ii) would be required to be so recognised if it had been obtained on or after the date of entry into force of the First Midwifery Directive.

(4) A midwifery qualification referred to in paragraph (3) shall have Community equivalence for the purposes of registration only if the diploma referred to in paragraph (2) is accompanied by—

- (a) an Article 4 certificate relating to the holder; or
- (b) if the diploma was obtained before the date of entry into force of the First Midwifery Directive, a competent authority certificate relating to the holder.

**Qualifications following training in the former German Democratic Republic which complies with Directive training requirements**

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a professional qualification in respect of which a diploma in nursing in general care or, as the case may be, a midwifery diploma has been obtained which is evidence of training which—

- (a) was received in the territory of the former German Democratic Republic; and
- (b) commenced before 3rd October 1990,

shall have Community equivalence for the purposes of registration.

(2) The diploma referred to in paragraph (1) shall—

- (a) be one which is not specified in Part I (nursing diplomas) or Part II (midwifery diplomas) of Schedule 2 and is granted in respect of training which complies with the requirements laid down—
  - (i) in the case of a nursing qualification, in Article 1 of the Second Nursing Directive (minimum standards of training for nurses) or,

- (ii) in the case of a midwifery qualification, in Article 1 of the Second Midwifery Directive (minimum standards of training for midwives),  
subject also in the case of a midwifery qualification to paragraphs (3) and (4); and
  - (b) be accompanied by a certificate of the competent authority in Germany that the holder is entitled by virtue of the qualification of which the diploma is evidence to practise anywhere in Germany as a nurse responsible for general care or, as the case may be, a midwife on the same conditions as the holder of a qualification evidenced by a diploma listed under the heading “Germany” in Part I (nursing diplomas) or, as the case may be, Part II (midwifery diplomas) of Schedule 2.
- (3) A midwifery qualification referred to in paragraph (1)—
- (a) in respect of which a diploma which falls within paragraphs (1) and (2) has been obtained; but
  - (b) would, if it had been obtained in respect of training which commenced on or after 3rd October 1990, be required to be recognised by other EEA States in pursuance of Article 2 of the First Midwifery Directive only if the holder had undertaken professional practice in respect of which a certificate complying with Article 4 of that Directive has been issued,
- shall have Community equivalence for the purposes of registration if the requirement set out in paragraph (4) is satisfied.

(4) The requirement referred to in paragraph (3) is that a diploma referred to in that paragraph be accompanied by a certificate issued by the competent authority in Germany stating that the holder of the diploma has effectively and lawfully been engaged in actual practice in Germany as a midwife for at least two years during the five years preceding the date of the certificate.

#### **Qualifications following training in the former German Democratic Republic which does not comply with Directive training requirements**

8.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a professional qualification in respect of which a diploma in nursing in general care not specified in Part I of Schedule 2 or, as the case may be, a midwifery diploma not specified in Part II of Schedule 2 has been obtained which is evidence of training which—

- (a) was received in the territory of the former German Democratic Republic; and
- (b) commenced before 3rd October 1990; but
- (c) does not comply with the requirements laid down—
  - (i) in the case of a nursing qualification, in Article 1 of the Second Nursing Directive (minimum standards of training for nurses) or,
  - (ii) in the case of a midwifery qualification, in Article 1 of the Second Midwifery Directive (minimum standards of training for midwives),

shall have Community equivalence for the purposes of registration.

(2) The qualification of which the diploma referred to in paragraph (1) is evidence must be such as to entitle the holder to practise anywhere in Germany as a nurse responsible for general care or, as the case may be, a midwife on the same conditions as the holder of a qualification evidenced by a diploma listed under the heading “Germany” in Part I (nursing diplomas) or, as the case may be, Part II (midwifery diplomas) of Schedule 2.

(3) The diploma shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by the competent authority in Germany stating that, for at least three years during the five years preceding the date of issue of the certificate, the holder of the qualification has effectively and lawfully been engaged in actual practice in Germany as a nurse responsible for general care or, as the case may be, a midwife.

### **Transitional provision for Spanish midwifery qualifications**

9.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), a professional midwifery qualification, not being one to which article 5 or 6 applies, in respect of which a diploma specified in paragraph (2) has been obtained in Spain shall have Community equivalence for the purposes of registration.

- (2) The diploma referred to in paragraph (1) is one which—
- (a) is evidence of training received in Spain which commenced before 1st January 1986; and
  - (b) is accompanied by—
    - (i) a certificate issued by the competent authority in Spain to the effect that the diploma was awarded following training which satisfies all the training requirements in Article 1 of the Second Midwifery Directive, or
    - (ii) if the training does not satisfy the requirements laid down in Article 1 of the Second Midwifery Directive, a competent authority certificate.
- (3) A qualification referred to paragraph (1)—
- (a) in respect of which a person holds a diploma referred to in paragraph (2)(a) which is accompanied by a certificate referred to in paragraph (2)(b)(i); but
  - (b) where the diploma is required to be recognised by other EEA States in pursuance of Article 2 of the First Midwifery Directive only if the holder has undertaken professional practice in respect of which a certificate complying with Article 4 of that Directive is issued,

shall have Community equivalence for the purposes of registration if the requirement in paragraph (4) is satisfied.

- (4) The requirement referred to in paragraph (2) is that a diploma referred to in that paragraph be accompanied by—
- (a) an Article 4 certificate relating to the holder; or
  - (b) if the diploma was obtained before 1st January 1986, a competent authority certificate relating to the holder.

## **PART III**

### **REVOCATIONS**

#### **Revocations**

10. The EEC Nursing and Midwifery Qualifications Designation Order 1983(15) and the EEC Nursing and Midwifery Qualifications Designation (Amendment) Order 1985(16) are hereby revoked.

*Stephen Dorrell*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
State

10th December 1996

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(15) S.I. 1983/921.  
(16) S.I. 1985/1852.

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## SCHEDULE 1

Articles 3, 4, and 5

<i>EEA State</i>	<i>Implementation date of Nursing Directives</i>	<i>Entry into force of first Midwifery Directive</i>	<i>Relevant date in relation to the first Midwifery Directive</i>
Austria	1st January 1994	1st January 1994	1st January 1994
Belgium	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Denmark	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Finland	1st January 1994	1st January 1994	1st January 1994
France	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Germany	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Greece	1st January 1981	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Iceland	1st January 1994	1st January 1994	1st January 1994
Ireland	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Italy	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Liechtenstein	1st May 1995	1st May 1995	1st May 1995
Luxembourg	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Netherlands	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Norway	1st January 1994	1st January 1994	1st January 1994
Portugal	1st January 1986	1st January 1986	23rd January 1986
Spain	1st January 1986	1st January 1986	1st January 1986
Sweden	1st January 1994	1st January 1994	1st January 1994

## SCHEDULE 2

Articles 3 and 4

DIPLOMAS LISTED IN THE FIRST NURSING DIRECTIVE,  
ARTICLE 3 AND THE FIRST MIDWIFERY DIRECTIVE, ARTICLE 3

## PART I

## NURSING DIPLOMAS

*Austria*

1. “Diplom in der allgemeinen Krankenpflege”(diploma of general nursing) issued by nursing schools recognised by the government.

*Belgium*

2.—(1) The certificate of “hospitalier(ère)/verpleegassistent(e)” awarded by the State or by schools established or recognised by the State.

(2) The certificate of “infirmier(ère) hospitalier(ère)/ziekenhuisverpleger (-verpleegster)” awarded by the State or by schools established or recognised by the State.

(3) The diploma of “infirmier(ère) gradué(e) hospitalier(ère)/gegradueerd ziekenhuisverpleger (-verpleegster)” awarded by the State or by higher paramedical colleges established or recognised by the State.

#### *Denmark*

3. The diploma of “sygeplejerske” awarded by nursing schools recognised by the “Sundhedsstyrelsen”(State board of health).

#### *Finland*

4. Diploma of “sairaanhoitaja/sjukskötare”(diploma in nursing or polytechnic diploma in nursing) awarded by a college of nursing.

#### *France*

5. The State diploma of “infirmier(ère)” awarded by the Ministry of Health.

#### *Germany*

6. The certificates awarded by the competent authorities as a result of the “staatliche Prüfung in der Krankenpflege”(State nursing examination).

#### *Greece*

7.—(1) “Το δίπλωμα Αδελφής Νοσοκόμας της Ανωτέρας Σχολής Αδελφών Νοσοκόμων”(diploma of general nurse from the advanced school of general nursing), authenticated by the Ministry of Social Services or by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, or

(2) “Το πτυχίο Νοσοκόμων του Τμήματος Αδελφών Νοσοκόμων των Παραίατρικών Σχολών των Κέντρων Ανωτέρας Τεχνικής Και Επαγγελματικής ΕΧπαίδευσης”(degree in nursing from the nursing sections of the paramedical schools at the advanced centres of technical and vocational training) awarded by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, or

(3) “Το πτυχίο νοσηλεύτη ή νοσηλεύτριας των Τεχνολογικών ΕΧπαιδευτικών Ιδρυμάτων (ΤΕΙ)”(degree in nursing from the technological training establishments) run by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, or

(4) “Το πτυχίο της Ανωτάτης Νοσηλευτικής της Σχολής Επαγγελματιών Υγείας, Τμήμα Νοσηλευτικής του Πανεπιστημίου Αθηνών”(degree in nursing from the faculty of health sciences, nursing section, University of Athens).

#### *Iceland*

8. “próf í hjúkrunarfræðum frá Háskóla Íslands”(diploma from the nursing department in the medical faculty of the University of Iceland).

#### *Ireland*

9. The certificate of “Registered General Nurse” issued by “An Bord Altranais”(the Nursing Board).

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*Italy*

10. The “diploma di infermiere professionale” awarded by State-recognised schools.

*Liechtenstein*

11. The diplomas, certificates and other titles awarded in another State to which Directive [77/452/EEC](#) applies and listed in Article 3 of that Directive.

*Luxembourg*

12. The following diplomas awarded by the Ministry of Public Health on the strength of an examining board decision—

- (a) the State diploma of “infirmier”;
- (b) the State diploma of “infirmier hospitalier gradué”.

*The Netherlands*

13. The following diplomas awarded by one of the examining boards appointed by the public authorities—

- (a) the diplomas of “verpleger A”, “verpleegster A” or “verpleegkundige A”;
- (b) the diploma of “verpleegkundige MBOV (Middelbare Beroepsopleiding Verpleegkundige)”(intermediate nursing training);
- (c) the diploma of “verpleegkundige HBOV (Hogere Beroepsopleiding Verpleegkundige)”(higher nursing training).

*Norway*

14. “bevis for bestått sykepleiereksamen”(diploma of general nursing) awarded by a college of nursing.

*Portugal*

15. “Diploma do curso de enfermagem geral”(diploma in general nursing) awarded by State recognised educational establishments and registered by the competent authority.

*Spain*

16. “Título de Diplomado en Enfermería”(university diploma in nursing) awarded by the Ministry for Education and Science or the rector of a university.

*Sweden*

17. Diploma of “sjuksköterska”(university diploma in nursing) awarded by a college of nursing.

## PART II

### MIDWIFERY DIPLOMAS

#### *Austria*

18. “Hebammen-Diplom” awarded by an academy of midwifery or a federal midwifery training establishment.

#### *Belgium*

19. The “diplôme d'accoucheuse/vroedvrouwdiploma” awarded by schools set up or approved by the State or by the “Jury central”.

#### *Denmark*

20. The “bevis for bestået jordemodereksamen” awarded by ‘Danmarks Jordemoderskole’.

#### *Finland*

21. “kättilö/barnmorska” or “erikoissairaanhoidaja, naistentaudit ja äitiyshuolto/specialsjuk skötare, kvinnosjukdomar och mödravård”(diploma of midwifery or polytechnic diploma of midwifery) awarded by a college of nursing.

#### *France*

22. The “diplôme de sage-femme” awarded by the State.

#### *Germany*

23. The “Zeugnis über die staatliche Prüfung für Hebammen und Entbindungspfleger”, awarded by the State examining board.

#### *Greece*

24.—(1) The “Πτυχίο Μαίας ή Μαίευτη” authenticated by the Ministry of Health and Welfare,  
(2) The “Πτυχίο Ανωτέρας Σχολής Στελεχών Υγείας Χαι Κοινωνικής Πρόνοιας, Τμήματος Μαιευτικής” awarded by the faculty of health and social welfare workers, obstetrics section, of the advanced technical and vocational education centres or by the technological training establishments run by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs.

#### *Iceland*

25. “próf frá Ljósmaðraskóla Íslands”(diploma from the Midwifery School in Iceland).

#### *Ireland*

26. The certificate in midwifery awarded by “An Bord Altranais”.

#### *Italy*

27. The “diploma d'ostetrica” awarded by schools approved by the State.

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*Liechtenstein*

28. The diplomas, certificates and other titles awarded in another State to which Directive [80/154/EEC](#) applies and listed in Article 3 of that Directive.

*Luxembourg*

29. The “diplôme de sage-femme” awarded by the Minister for Health following a decision by the examining board.

*The Netherlands*

30. The “diploma van verloskundige” awarded by the examining body designated by the State.

*Norway*

31. “bevis for bestått jordmoreksamen”(diploma of midwifery) awarded by a college of midwifery and a certificate of practical training issued by competent public health authorities.

*Portugal*

32. The diploma of “enfermeiro especialista em enfermagem de saúde materna e obstétrica”.

*Spain*

33. The diploma of “matrona” or “asistente obstétrico (matrona)” or “enfermería obstétrica-ginecológica”, awarded by the Ministry of Education and Science.

*Sweden*

34. “barnmorskeexamen”(university diploma in midwifery) awarded by a College of Nursing.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes and replaces the EEC Nursing and Midwifery Qualifications Designation Order 1983 as amended. In accordance with Directives [77/452/EEC](#) (Articles 2, 3, 4 and 4a), [80/154/EEC](#) (Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5) and [89/594/EEC](#) (Articles 11, 12, 22 and 23), it designates nursing and midwifery qualifications awarded in other EU States as having Community equivalence for the purposes of registration in the professional register. By virtue of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (HMSOCm 2073 and O.J. No. L1, 3.1.1994, p. 3) the provisions of these Directives apply to qualifications awarded in Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein which are also designated.

Articles 7 and 8 make provision for the recognition of qualifications arising out of training received in the former German Democratic Republic (Articles 3 and 6 of Directive [90/658/EEC](#)).

Article 9 contains transitional provisions in relation to midwifery qualifications obtained in Spain following training which began before 1st January 1986 (Article 24 of Directive [89/594/EEC](#)).

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