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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 1947**

**HEALTH CARE AND  
ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS**

**The European Qualifications (Health and  
Social Care Professions and Accession of  
New Member States) Regulations 2004**

*Made* - - - - *21st July 2004*  
*Laid before Parliament* *28th July 2004*  
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The Secretary of State for Health, being a Minister designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(1) in relation to measures relating to access to, the training for, the pursuit of, and the award of qualifications in the professions of dentistry, medicine, midwifery, nursing and pharmacy and their specialties(2), in relation to measures relating to access to, the training for, the pursuit of, and the award of qualifications in the profession of social worker(3), and in relation to the recognition of higher-education diplomas, formal qualifications, or experience in the occupation, required for the pursuit of professions or occupations(4), in the exercise of the powers conferred by the said section 2(2)(5), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

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- (1) 1972 c. 68.  
(2) S.I. 1995/3207.  
(3) S.I. 2003/2901.  
(4) S.I. 2002/248.

(5) The subject matter of section 21 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (requirement of suitable experience for medical practitioners) is not a reserved matter under the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46). Therefore, as regards Scotland, see section 57(1) of the Scotland Act 1998 which provides that, despite the transfer to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of that Act of functions in relation to observing and implementing Community law, any function of a Minister of the Crown in relation to any matter (including therefore in relation to the subject matter of section 21) shall continue to be exercisable by him as regards Scotland for the purposes specified in section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.