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**The Education (Head Teachers' Qualifications) (Amendment)
(England) Regulations 2005**

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In exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 135(2), 145(1) and 210(7) of the Education Act 2002(a) the Secretary of State for Education and Skills hereby makes the following Regulations:

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Head Teachers' Qualifications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2005 and shall come into force on 30th April 2005.

(2) These Regulations apply only in relation to England.

2. Regulation 4 of the Education (Head Teachers' Qualifications) (England) Regulations 2003 is amended as follows—

(a) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) Subject to regulation 5 a person may serve as a head teacher of a school maintained by a local education authority or a special school not so maintained only if he holds—

- (a) the National Professional Qualification for Headship;
- (b) the National Professional Qualification for Headship in Wales;
- (c) the Scottish Standard for Headship;
- (d) the Professional Qualification for Headship in Northern Ireland; or
- (e) a comparable qualification obtained in Switzerland or any European Economic Area country, other than the United Kingdom.”.

(b) After paragraph (2) insert—

“(3) In this regulation—

“EEA Agreement” means the agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992(b) as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993(c); and

“European Economic Area” means the area comprised by the member States of the European Community (including the United Kingdom) as constituted from time to time

(a) 2002 c.32; by virtue of the definition of “regulations” in section 212(1), these Regulations made by the Secretary of State apply only in relation to England.

(b) Cmnd 2073.

(c) Cmnd 2183.

and, subject to the conditions laid down in the EEA agreement, by the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Principality of Liechtenstein.”.

22nd March 2005

Stephen Twigg
Minister of State
Department for Education and Skills

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Education (Head Teachers' Qualifications) (England) Regulations 2003 provide that a first time head teacher of a maintained school in England must hold a prescribed qualification. These amendment Regulations add to the list of prescribed qualifications, which now includes:

- (a) the National Professional Qualification for Headship;
- (b) its equivalent in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland; or
- (c) a comparable qualification obtained elsewhere in the European Economic Area (which includes the member states of the European Community, Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein) or Switzerland.

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