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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 462**

**HEALTH CARE AND  
ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS**

**The European Qualifications (Health and Social  
Care Professions) (Amendment) Regulations 2008**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>20th February 2008</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>28th February 2008</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st March 2008</i>

The Secretary of State for Health makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup>.

He has been designated for the purposes of section 2(2) in relation to the recognition of higher-education diplomas, formal qualifications or experience in the occupation, required for the pursuit of professions or occupations<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and come into force on 31st March 2008.

**Amendment of the commencement arrangements in the European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007**

2. In regulation 1 of the European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007<sup>(3)</sup> (citation, commencement and extent), in paragraph (3), for “on 1st April 2008” substitute “on the coming into force of article 21 of the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007<sup>(4)</sup> (the Register of Pharmacy Technicians)”.

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(1) 1972 c.68.  
(2) S.I. 2002/248.  
(3) S.I. 2007/3101.  
(4) S.I. 2007/289.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

20th February 2008

*Ben Bradshaw*  
Minister of State,  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the arrangements for the coming into force of the provisions of the European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (“the 2007 Regulations”) that relate to the regulation of pharmacy technicians. These provisions will now come into force when article 21 of the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007 comes into force, which will be the date for the opening of the statutory Register of Pharmacy Technicians.

An impact assessment as to the effect of the 2007 Regulations on the costs of business is available from the Department of Health, Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE, and on the Department’s website, <http://www.dh.gov.uk>.