
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The European Union (Recognition of
Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015**

PART 1

General Provisions

Functions of competent authorities in the United Kingdom

7.—(1) Where access to a regulated profession in the UK is conditional on completion of a professional traineeship, the competent authority must, when considering a request for authorisation to practise the profession—

- (a) recognise professional traineeships that have been carried out to an equivalent standard in another relevant European state;
- (b) take account of traineeships that have been carried out in a third country.

(2) The competent authority must publish guidelines on the organisation and recognition of traineeships carried out in a relevant European state or third country, and in particular on the role of the supervisor of the professional traineeship.

(3) Recognition of the professional traineeship under paragraph 1(a) does not replace any requirements to pass an examination in order to gain access to the profession.

(4) Competent authorities in the United Kingdom may impose a reasonable limit on the duration of the part of any traineeship which can be carried out abroad.