
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
EDUCATION, ENGLAND**

The Recognition of Professional Qualifications
(Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Made - - - - 19th February 2019

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

The Secretary of State is designated⁽¹⁾ for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972⁽²⁾ (“the 1972 Act”) in relation to recognition of higher education diplomas, formal qualifications, or experience in the occupation, required for the pursuit of professions or occupations.

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the 1972 Act, section 132(1) and (2) of the Education Act 2002⁽³⁾ and section 8(1) of, and paragraph 21(b) of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018⁽⁴⁾ (“the 2018 Act”).

In accordance with paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 7 to the 2018 Act, a draft of this instrument has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

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- (1) See [S.I. 1995/3207](#), [2002/248](#) and [2003/2901](#). Under section 57(1) of the Scotland Act 1998 ([c.46](#)), despite the transfer to Scottish Ministers of functions in relation to implementation obligations under European Union law in relation to certain matters by virtue of section 53 of that Act, the function of the Secretary of State in relation to any matter continues to be exercisable by him as regards Scotland for the purposes specified in section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 (“the 1972 Act”).
- (2) [1972 c.68](#). Section 2(2) was amended by section 27 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 ([c.51](#)) and by section 3 of, and the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 [c.7](#). By virtue of the amendment of section 1(2) by section 1 of the European Economic Area Act 1993 ([c.51](#)), regulations may be made under section 2(2) of the 1972 Act to implement obligations of the United Kingdom created or arising by or under the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1993 (Cm 2073) and the Protocol adjusting the Agreement signed in Brussels on 17th March 1993 (Cm 2183). The 1972 Act is repealed with effect from exit day by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.
- (3) [2002 c.32](#). For the meaning of “regulations”, see section 212(1).
- (4) [2018 c.16](#).