
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 12 of the Education (Wales) Act 2014 (“the 2014 Act”) allows the Welsh Ministers to make regulations in relation to the fees payable in connection with registration in the register established and maintained by the Education Workforce Council (“the Council”) under section 9 of the 2014 Act.

Regulation 1 provides that the Regulations come into force on 1 February 2017 except for regulation 2 which comes into force on 1 April 2017. Regulation 2 provides that the Education Workforce Council (Registration Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2016 (“the 2016 Regulations”) are revoked. Therefore, the 2016 Regulations are revoked with effect from 1 April 2017.

Regulation 3 contains the interpretation provisions.

The fees payable for all categories of registration are set out in regulation 4. Regulation 4 also provides that the Welsh Ministers may determine the amount by which those registration fees will be subsidised and requires them to publish the amount of that subsidy on the Welsh Government website.

Regulation 5 allows the Council to make provision in relation to the fees payable pursuant to these Regulations.

Regulation 6 provides that an employer must on request by the Council supply the Council with the information set out in the Schedule where they employ or otherwise engage to provide relevant services a person who is required to be registered.

Regulation 7 requires an employer who has been notified by the Council to deduct a registration fee from a registered person’s salary; and regulation 8 requires the employer to remit it to the Council within 14 days.

Regulation 9 requires the employer to supply to the Council the information in the Schedule in respect of the person to whom the fee is remitted when remitting the fee to them.

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from the Department for Education and Public Services in the Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.