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## WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 2023 No. 1294

## The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Wales) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2023

### Interpretation

#### 2. In these Regulations—

“the 2022 Act” (“*Deddf 2022*”) means the Professional Qualifications Act 2022;

“the 2023 UK Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2023 y DU*”) means the Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) Regulations 2023(1);

“adaptation period” (“*cyfnod ymaddasu*”) means a period of supervised practice, subject to an assessment and which may be accompanied by further training, in a Welsh regulated profession under the responsibility of a qualified member of that profession;

“any other part of the United Kingdom” (“ *unrhyw ran arall o’r Deyrnas Unedig*”) means England, Northern Ireland or Scotland;

“applicant” (“*ceisydd*”) means a specified state professional who—

- (a) wishes to access and pursue a Welsh regulated profession for which the possession of professional qualifications is required,
- (b) possesses professional qualifications for the same profession in a specified state, and
- (c) makes an application;

“application” (“*cais*”) means an application by an applicant to a Welsh regulator for recognition of their professional qualifications in Wales;

“aptitude test” (“*prawf gallu*”) means a test limited to the professional knowledge of a specified state professional, made by the Welsh regulator with the aim of assessing the ability of the professional to pursue a Welsh regulated profession;

“EEA EFTA free trade agreement” (“*cytundeb masnach rydd yr AEE EFTA*”) means the free trade agreement between Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland done at London on 8th July 2021(2);

“profession” (“*proffesiwn*”) has the meaning given in section 19 of the 2022 Act;

“professional activity” (“*gweithgaredd proffesiynol*”) means an activity which forms part of a Welsh regulated profession;

“professional experience” (“*profiad proffesiynol*”) means the lawful and effective practice of the relevant Welsh regulated profession;

“professional qualifications” (“*cymwysterau proffesiynol*”) includes qualifications or professional experience;

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(1) [S.I. 2023/1286](#).

(2) Miscellaneous Series No.3 (2021); CP 496, done at London on 8th July 2021.

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“qualification” (“*cymhwyster*”) has the meaning given in section 19 of the 2022 Act;

“specified” (“*penodedig*”) means specified in regulations;

“specified state” (“*gwladwriaeth benodedig*”) means a state specified in Schedule 2;

“specified state professional” (“*proffesiynolyn gwladwriaeth benodedig*”) means a natural person who has obtained professional qualifications in a specified state;

“Welsh regulated profession” (“*proffesiwn rheoleiddiedig Cymreig*”) means any of the professions listed in Schedule 1;

“Welsh regulator” (“*rheoleiddiwr Cymreig*”), in relation to a Welsh regulated profession, means a person having functions under legislation that relate to the regulation of the profession in Wales.

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#### **Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 2 in force at 1.12.2023, see [reg. 1](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 1 para. 00A1 inserted by [S.I. 2024/613 art. 14\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 3A inserted by [S.I. 2024/613 art. 14\(b\)](#)