
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No. 1294

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

Aptitude tests and adaptation periods

7.—(1) A Welsh regulator may require an applicant to take an aptitude test, standardised or otherwise, or to complete an adaptation period where—

- (a) there exists a substantial difference between the applicant’s professional qualifications and the essential knowledge or skills required to practise the Welsh regulated profession, or
- (b) the Welsh regulated profession comprises one or more professional activities that cover substantially different matters from those covered by the applicant’s professional qualifications.

(2) A Welsh regulator must consider whether any requirement to take an aptitude test or to complete an adaptation period is proportionate to the difference sought to be addressed.

(3) If requested to do so by an applicant, a Welsh regulator must, to the extent possible, provide its reasons in writing for requiring the applicant to take an aptitude test or to complete an adaptation period.

(4) Where a Welsh regulator requires applicants to undertake an aptitude test, the Welsh regulator must schedule tests with reasonable frequency and at least once a year, where applicable.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 7 in force at 1.12.2023, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

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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\(b\)](#)