
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations give effect in the United Kingdom to Council Directive [89/48/EEC](#) (OJ No. L19, 24.1.89, p.16) on a general system for the recognition of higher-education diplomas awarded on completion of professional education and training of at least three years' duration.

The Regulations apply to the professions listed in Schedule 1 being professions which are regulated by law or public authority or by membership of a chartered body and for which the entry qualification is of degree level or equivalent. Schedule 1 designates a body (a "designated authority") in respect of each of the listed regulated professions. The designated authorities have the function of processing applications from migrant applicants having qualifications obtained wholly or partly in another member State of the Economic Community and wishing to practise the relevant profession in the United Kingdom.

The scheme of the Regulations (subject to certain conditions and exceptions) is to impose a duty upon the designated authorities not to refuse, on grounds of inadequate qualifications, an application from a migrant to practise the relevant profession in the United Kingdom if he holds the qualification required by another member State to practise the profession in that State (regulation 5). The Regulations further provide for the designated authorities, in certain cases, to require a migrant applicant to complete an adaptation period or to pass an aptitude test (regulations 6, 7 and 8) and make provision for a migrant applicant, who has been granted authorisation to practise, to have the right to use the professional title and designatory letters applicable to that profession in the United Kingdom (regulation 10).

Special provision is made for the profession of company auditor (regulations 11 and 12) having regard to the detailed legislation already governing that profession and an appeals procedure is provided (regulation 13) for migrant applicants to challenge decisions of the designated authorities made under the Regulations.