

**1999 No. 1373**

**MEDICAL PROFESSION**

**The European Specialist Medical Qualifications Amendment  
Regulations 1999**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>13th May 1999</i>
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The Secretary of State, being designated for the purposes of, and in exercise of the powers conferred by, section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(a) and in exercise of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Specialist Medical Qualifications Amendment Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on 7th June 1999.

**Amendment of the European Specialist Medical Qualifications Order 1995**

2.—(1) The European Specialist Medical Qualifications Order 1995(b) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) In article 2(1)(b) (interpretation)(c), at the end, insert “, and by Commission Directive 98/21/EC of 8th April 1998(d), and by Commission Directive 98/63/EC of 3rd September 1998(e)”.

(3) In Schedule 2 (which lists medical specialties in which qualifications are awarded in the United Kingdom), in Part I—

- (a) immediately under the heading “*Five years*”, add the entry “Accident and emergency medicine”;
- (b) after the entry for “child and adolescent psychiatry”, add the entry “clinical neurophysiology”; and
- (c) for the entries specified in column 1 below(f), substitute in the appropriate alphabetical position under the relevant minimum training period the corresponding entry in column 2 below—

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(a) 1972 c. 68. See S.I. 1995/3207, which designates the Secretary of State for the purposes of section 2(2) in relation to measures relating to access to, training for, the pursuit of, and the award of qualifications in (amongst other things) medicine and its specialties.

(b) S.I. 1995/3208, amended by S.I. 1997/2928.

(c) Article 2(1)(b) was previously amended by S.I. 1997/2928.

(d) OJ No. L119, 22.4.98, p. 15.

(e) OJ No. L253, 15.9.98, p. 24.

(f) The entries in column 1 for general medicine, diagnostic radiology, geriatrics, psychiatry and renal disease were amended by S.I. 1997/2928, regulation 2(6)(a).

**Column 1**Existing entry

General medicine\* (*also known as general (internal) medicine*)

Neurological surgery\* (*also known as neurosurgery*)

Orthopaedic surgery\* (*also known as trauma and orthopaedic surgery*)

Thoracic surgery (*also known as cardio-thoracic surgery*)

Cardio-vascular disease (*also known as cardiology*)

Communicable diseases (*also known as infectious diseases*)

Community medicine (*also known as public health medicine*)

Diagnostic radiology (*also known as clinical radiology and formerly known as radiology*)

Geriatrics (*also known as geriatric medicine*)

Medical microbiology (*also known as medical microbiology and virology*)

Morbid anatomy and histopathology\* (*also known as histopathology*)

Psychiatry\* (*also known as general psychiatry or general adult psychiatry and formerly known as mental illness*)

Radiotherapy (*also known as clinical oncology*)

Renal disease (*also known as renal medicine and formerly known as nephrology*)

Venereology (*also known as genito-urinary medicine*)

**Column 2**New entry

General (internal) medicine\* (*formerly known as general medicine*)

Neurosurgery\* (*formerly known as neurological surgery*)

Trauma and orthopaedic surgery\* (*formerly known as orthopaedic surgery*)

Cardio-thoracic surgery (*formerly known as thoracic surgery*)

Cardiology (*formerly known as cardio-vascular disease*)

Infectious diseases (*formerly known as communicable diseases*)

Public health medicine (*formerly known as community medicine*)

Clinical radiology (*formerly known as diagnostic radiology, and as radiology*)

Geriatric medicine (*formerly known as geriatrics*)

Medical microbiology and virology (*formerly known as medical microbiology*)

Histopathology\* (*formerly known as morbid anatomy and histopathology*)

General psychiatry\* (*formerly known as psychiatry, as general adult psychiatry, and as mental illness*)

Clinical oncology (*formerly known as radiotherapy*)

Renal medicine (*formerly known as renal disease, and as nephrology*)

Genito-urinary medicine (*formerly known as venereology*)

(4) In Part II of Schedule 2—

- (a) omit “Accident and emergency medicine” and “Clinical neurophysiology”; and
- (b) in the appropriate alphabetical positions, insert “Allergy” and “Intensive care medicine”.

13th May 1999

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the European Specialist Medical Qualifications Order 1995 (“the 1995 Order”), which implemented European obligations contained principally in Council Directive 93/16/EEC (OJ No. L165, 7.7.93, p. 1) relating to the training of specialist doctors and mutual recognition of their qualifications (“the Directive”). The need for changes to the 1995 Order arises from amendments to the Directive made by Commission Directives 98/21/EC (OJ No. L119, 22.4.98, p. 15) and 98/63/EC (OJ No. L253, 15.9.98, p. 24).

Schedule 2 to the 1995 Order is amended to reflect a change in the designation for the purposes of the Directive of certain medical specialties in which qualifications are awarded in the UK. The amendments also reflect the introduction in the Directive of minimum training periods and mutual recognition requirements for specialist qualifications in Accident and emergency medicine and Clinical neurophysiology. In addition, two new specialities (Allergy and Intensive care medicine) are added to the list of “Other Specialities”.

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