#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2006 No. 2228

# PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

The European Communities (Recognition of Qualifications and Experience) (Third General System) (Amendment) Regulations 2006

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The Secretary of State, being a Minister designated(1) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2), in relation to measures relating to recognition of higher-education diplomas, qualifications or experience required for the pursuit of professions or other occupations, in exercise of the powers conferred by that section, makes the following Regulations:

#### Citation, commencement and interpretation

- **1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Recognition of Qualifications and Experience) (Third General System) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 and come into force on 2nd October 2006.
- (2) In these Regulations "the Principal Regulations" means the European Communities (Recognition of Qualifications and Experience) (Third General System) Regulations 2002(3).

### Production of certificates of experience

- **2.**—(1) For regulation 3(1) of the Principal Regulations substitute—
  - "(1) The Secretary of State shall delegate to ECCTIS Limited(4), the function of issuing a certificate, to be called a "Certificate of Experience".
  - (1A) A Certificate of Experience shall be issued to a person who makes an application to ECCTIS Limited for the issue of such a certificate in respect of a relevant activity and satisfies ECCTIS Limited as to his relevant experience and qualifications gained in the United Kingdom as set out in Schedule 1."

<sup>(1)</sup> European Communities (Designation) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/248).

<sup>(2) 1972</sup> c.68.

<sup>(3)</sup> S.I. 2002/1597, as amended by S.I. 2002/2036.

<sup>(4)</sup> ECCTIS Limited is a private limited company registered in England and Wales with company number 2405026.

## **Qualifications and Experience for Certificates of Experience**

**3.** In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 (Qualifications and Experience for Certificates of Experience) to the Principal Regulations, for the words "the Secretary of State" substitute "ECCTIS Limited".

9th August 2006

Jim Knight
Minister of State
Department for Education and Skills

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the European Communities (Recognition of Qualifications and Experience) (Third General System) Regulations 2002 ("the 2002 Regulations"), which implemented Directive 199/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 June 1999 (establishing a mechanism for the recognition of professional qualifications). The 200 Regulations provide for mutual recognition in the Member States of qualifications in respect of certain activities.

These Regulations provide that the Secretary of State delegates the function of issuing certificates of experience to ECCTIS Limited.