
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 2059

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

**The European Union (Recognition of
Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>17th December 2015</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>21st December 2015</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>18th January 2016</i>

The Secretary of State is designated ^{F1} for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 ^{F2} in relation to recognition of higher education diplomas, formal qualifications, or experience in the occupation, required for the pursuit of professions or occupations.

These Regulations make provision for a purpose mentioned in section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and it appears to the Secretary of State that it is expedient for certain references to provisions of European Union instruments to be construed as references to those provisions as amended from time to time.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred under section 2(2) of, as read with paragraph 1A of Schedule 2 ^{F3} to, the European Communities Act 1972.

- F1** [S.I. 2002/248](#), [S.I. 1995/3207](#), [S.I. 2003/2901](#). Under section 57(1) of the [Scotland Act 1998](#) (c.46), despite the transfer to Scottish Ministers of functions in relation to implementation obligations under Union law in relation to certain matters by virtue of section 53 of that Act, the function of the Secretary of State in relation to any matter continues to be exercisable by him as regards Scotland for the purposes specified in section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

F2 [1972 c.68](#); section 2(2) was amended by section 27(1)(a) of the [Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006](#) (c. 51) and by section 3(3) of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to the [European Union \(Amendment\) Act 2008](#) (c. 7).

F3 Paragraph 1A was inserted by section 28 of the [Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006](#) (c. 51).

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PART 1

General Provisions

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 18th January 2016.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 2007 Regulations” means the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2007 ^{F4};

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“applicant” has the meaning set out in [^{F6}regulation 8(4)];

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“assistance centre” means the authority designated in the United Kingdom to assist with recognition of professional qualifications ^{F7}...;

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“competent authority”—

(a) in relation to the United Kingdom, has the meaning set out in regulation 4(1) to [^{F8}(3)];

(b) in relation to [^{F9}a] relevant European State, has the meaning set out in regulation 4(5), and unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a competent authority is a reference to a competent authority in relation to the United Kingdom;

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“the Directive” means Directive [2005/36/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7th September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications ^{F10};

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“European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System” or “ECTS credit” means the credit system for higher education used in the European Higher Education Area;

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“evidence of formal qualifications” has the meaning set out in regulation 9(2);

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“home State” means the relevant European State in which the applicant obtained their professional qualifications ^{F12}...;

“holder” means a person to whom a competent authority of [^{F13}the United Kingdom or] a relevant European State has awarded professional qualifications;

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“point of single contact” means the authority designated in the United Kingdom to handle online queries on access to professional activities in the United Kingdom;

“practice” in relation to any regulated profession includes—

- (a) the taking up or pursuit of that profession ^{F14}..., whether in a self-employed capacity or as an employed person; and
- (b) in the course of such pursuit—
 - (i) the right to use a professional title or designatory letters; and
 - (ii) the enjoyment of the benefit of the status associated with membership of the profession;

“profession” includes occupation or trade;

“professional association” means an association or organisation recognised in a special form, the purpose of which is, in particular, to promote and maintain a high standard in the professional field with which it is concerned and which, to that end—

- (a) prescribes and enforces respect within its membership for rules of professional conduct and awards professional qualifications to its members; and
- (b) confers on its members the right to use one or more professional titles or designatory letters or to benefit from a status corresponding to that professional qualification;

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“professional traineeship” means a period of professional practice carried out under supervision that constitutes a condition for access to a regulated profession, and takes place either during or after completion of an education leading to a diploma;

“professional qualifications” has the meaning set out in regulation 9(1);

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“regulated education and training” has the meaning set out in regulation 8(2);

“regulated profession” has the meaning set out in regulation 8(1);

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[^{F15}“relevant European State” means an EEA State or Switzerland;]

“same profession” means the profession for which the applicant is qualified in their home State if the activities covered are comparable;

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(2) A reference in these Regulations to the Directive or a provision of the Directive is a reference to the Directive or a provision of the Directive as amended from time to time.

(3) A reference in these Regulations to the Implementing Regulation 2015 or a provision of that Regulation is a reference to the Implementing Regulation 2015 or a provision of that Regulation as amended from time to time.

(4) A reference in these Regulations to the United Kingdom shall, as the context requires, be taken to include a reference to any one or more of: England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

(5) For the purposes of these Regulations, an association or organisation established in the United Kingdom shall be taken to have been recognised in special form if the mode of its establishment was incorporation by Royal Charter.

(6) For the purposes of these Regulations, a profession having public health or safety implications is a regulated profession which is one of the following—

- (a) a profession listed in Schedule 2;
- (b) a sectoral profession, except the profession of architect, in a case described in regulation 3(8).

F4 S.I. 2007/2781.

F5 Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)(i)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

F6 Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)(ii)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

F7 Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)(iii)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

F8 Word in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)(iv)(aa)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

F9 Word in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)(iv)(bb)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

F10 OJ No L 255, 30.9.2005, p.22.

F11 Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) omitted (25.5.2018) by virtue of [Data Protection Act 2018](#) (c. 12), s. 212(1), **Sch. 19 para. 389(2)** (with [ss. 117](#), [209](#), [210](#)); [S.I. 2018/625](#), [reg. 2\(1\)\(g\)](#)

F12 Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)(v)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

F13 Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)(vi)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

F14 Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)(vii)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

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F15 Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 6\(a\)\(viii\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))

Application

[^{F16}3. These Regulations do not apply in relation to—

- (a) any profession regulated under—
 - (i) the Medical Act 1983;
 - (ii) the Dentists Act 1984;
 - (iii) the Opticians Act 1989;
 - (iv) the Osteopaths Act 1993;
 - (v) the Chiropractors Act 1994;
 - (vi) Part 3 of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001;
 - (vii) Part 4 of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016;
 - (viii) Part 2 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017;
 - (ix) the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001;
 - (x) the Health Professions Order 2001;
 - (xi) the Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2001;
 - (xii) the Pharmacy Order 2010;
- (b) the profession of architect;
- (c) the profession of veterinary surgeon;
- (d) the profession of farrier in England, Wales and Scotland;
- (e) the profession of statutory auditor as defined in section 1210 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (f) the profession of notary appointed by an official act of government;
- (g) any regulated profession in relation to which, immediately before IP completion day—
 - (i) specific arrangements directly related to the recognition of professional qualifications were made in any EU Regulation, EU Directive, EU decision or EU tertiary legislation; and
 - (ii) the effect of those arrangements excluded the application of the Directive.]

F16 Reg. 3 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 7](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 paras. 2\(b\), 3](#); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))

Competent authorities

4.—(1) In the case of a regulated profession listed in [^{F17}Parts 1 and 2] of Schedule 1, the competent authority in the United Kingdom for the purposes of [^{F18}these Regulations] so far as relating to that profession is the body or authority specified in relation to that profession in that Part of that Schedule.

(2) In the case of a regulated profession that is regulated in the United Kingdom but is not listed in Schedule 1, the competent authority in the United Kingdom for the purposes of [^{F19}these Regulations] so far as relating to that profession is the governing body of that profession in the United Kingdom.

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^{F20}(3)

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(5) For the purposes of these Regulations, the competent authority in [^{F21}a] relevant European State in relation to—

- (a) any document, certificate, ^{F22}... diploma or qualification,
- (b) ^{F23}... or
- (c) any application, action or decision,

is the authority, body or person who under laws, regulations or administrative provisions is authorised in that State to issue, award or recognise the document or information concerned ^{F24}....

- F17** Words in [reg. 4\(1\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(a\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F18** Words in [reg. 4\(1\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F19** Words in [reg. 4\(2\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F20** [Reg. 4\(3\)\(4\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(c\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F21** Word in [reg. 4\(5\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(d\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F22** Words in [reg. 4\(5\)\(a\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(d\)\(ii\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F23** [Reg. 4\(5\)\(b\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(d\)\(iii\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F24** Words in [reg. 4\(5\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(d\)\(iv\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Functions of competent authorities in the United Kingdom

5.—(1) Without prejudice to its other powers and functions, a competent authority has the function of receiving and considering applications by applicants and taking the actions and decisions referred to in these Regulations.

^{F25}(2)

^{F25}(3)

[^{F26}(4) A competent authority must—

- (a) act as a point of single contact for their regulated professions; and
- (b) provide applicants with all information about the requirements, procedures and formalities they need to complete to gain access to and pursue their regulated professions.]

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[^{F27}(5) A competent authority must fully cooperate with the assistance centre and provide all relevant information about individual cases to the assistance centre on request, and subject to data protection legislation within the meaning of section 3(9) of the Data Protection Act 2018.]

(6) A competent authority must enable all requirements, procedures and formalities relating to matters covered by these Regulations to be easily completed, remotely and by electronic means but they may request certified copies at a later stage in the event of justified doubts and where strictly necessary.

^{F28}(7)

(8) Where a competent authority asks for [^{F29}advanced electronic signatures under Article 3(11) of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market]^{F30} for the completion of procedures referred to in paragraph (6), it must [^{F31}act in accordance with Article 27 of that Regulation (and for this purpose the completion of the procedures is to be treated as the use of an online service to which that Article applies).]

^{F32}(9)

(10) The procedural time limits set out in [^{F33}regulation] 42 commence at the point when an application or any missing documents have been submitted by an applicant to a point of single contact or directly to the competent authority.

(11) Any request for certified copies under paragraph (6) is not considered as a request for missing documents.

[^{F34}(12) If the applicant does not provide any certified copies requested under paragraph (6) before the expiry of the time limit for the competent authority to notify the applicant of its decision under regulation 42(2), the competent authority may refuse the application.]

- F25** Reg. 5(2)(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 9(a)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F26** Reg. 5(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 9(b)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F27** Reg. 5(5) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 9(c)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F28** Reg. 5(7) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 9(d)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F29** Words in reg. 5(8) substituted (22.7.2016) by [The Electronic Identification and Trust Services for Electronic Transactions Regulations 2016](#) (S.I. 2016/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 13(a)**
- F30** OJ No L 13, 9.1.2000, p.12.
- F31** Words in reg. 5(8) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Electronic Identification and Trust Services for Electronic Transactions \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/89), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 59(2)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F32** Reg. 5(9) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 9(d)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F33** Word in reg. 5(10) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 9(e)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F34 Reg. 5(12) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 9(f)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

6.—(1) A competent authority seeking to ensure that a professional has a knowledge of language necessary for practising the profession in the United Kingdom may impose controls—

- (a) in cases where the profession has patient safety implications; and
- (b) in all other cases, where there is serious and concrete doubt about the applicant's language knowledge in respect of the professional activities the applicant intends to pursue.

(2) Any controls under this regulation may only be carried out after the recognition of the professional qualification ^{F35}....

(3) Controls under this regulation must be proportionate to the activity to be pursued.

(4) A decision to impose controls under this regulation is subject to appeal in accordance with regulation 68.

F35 Words in reg. 6(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 10** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

7.—(1) Where access to a regulated profession in the UK is conditional on completion of a professional traineeship, the competent authority must, when considering a request [^{F36}by an applicant] for authorisation to practise the profession—

- (a) recognise professional traineeships that have been carried out to an equivalent standard in [^{F37}a] relevant European state;
- (b) take account of traineeships that have been carried out in a third country.

(2) The competent authority must publish guidelines on the organisation and recognition of traineeships carried out in a relevant European state or third country, and in particular on the role of the supervisor of the professional traineeship.

(3) Recognition of the professional traineeship under paragraph 1(a) does not replace any requirements to pass an examination in order to gain access to the profession.

(4) Competent authorities in the United Kingdom may impose a reasonable limit on the duration of the part of any traineeship which can be carried out abroad.

[^{F38}(5) In this regulation, “third country” means a country other than a relevant European State.]

F36 Words in reg. 7(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 11(a)(i)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F37 Word in reg. 7(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 11(a)(ii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F38 Reg. 7(5) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 11(b)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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Regulated profession, regulated education and training and applicants

8.—(1) In these Regulations, “regulated profession” means—

(a) in relation to the United Kingdom—

- (i) a profession listed in [F39Part 1] of Schedule 1;
- (ii) a profession practised by members of a professional association who have a title or designation set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1;
- (iii) a professional activity or group of activities access to which, the pursuit of which or one of the modes of pursuit of which is subject (directly or indirectly) by virtue of legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions to the possession of specific professional qualifications; or
- (iv) a professional activity or group of activities pursuit of which is by persons using a professional title limited by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions to holders of a given professional qualification;

(b) in relation to [F40a] relevant European State, a professional activity, or group of professional activities, which constitutes a profession if and in so far as the activity, or group of activities, is regulated in that State as a professional activity.

(2) “Regulated education and training” means education and training which is directly geared to the practice of a profession in [F41the United Kingdom or] a relevant European State, and comprises a course or courses complemented where appropriate by professional training or probationary or professional practice, the structure and level of which are determined by the laws, regulations or administrative provisions of [F42the United Kingdom or, as the case may be,] that relevant European State or which are monitored or approved by the competent authority in [F43the United Kingdom or, as the case may be] a relevant European State.

^{F44}(3)

(4) For the purposes of Chapters 1 ^{F45}... and 4 of Part 3, and of any other provision of these Regulations so far as relating to those Chapters ^{F45}... “applicant” means an individual—

(a) who [F46applies for authorisation] to access and pursue a regulated profession in the United Kingdom ^{F47}..., whether in an employed or self-employed capacity; [F48and]

^{F49}(b)

(c) whose qualifications were obtained in a relevant European State ^{F50}... ^{F51}...

^{F51}(d)

F39 Words in reg. 8(1)(a)(i) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 12(a)(i)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- F44** [Reg. 8\(3\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 12(c)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F45** Words in [reg. 8\(4\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 12(d)(i)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F46** Word in [reg. 8\(4\)\(a\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 12(d)(ii)(aa)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F47** Words in [reg. 8\(4\)\(a\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 12(d)(ii)(bb)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F48** Word in [reg. 8\(4\)\(a\)](#) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 12(d)(iii)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F49** [Reg. 8\(4\)\(b\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 12(d)(iv)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F50** Words in [reg. 8\(4\)\(c\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 12(d)(v)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F51** [Reg. 8\(4\)\(d\)](#) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 12(d)(vi)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Professional qualifications and evidence of formal qualifications

- 9.—(1) In these Regulations ^{F52}..., “professional qualifications” means—
- (a) qualifications attested by evidence of formal qualifications;
- ^{F53}(b)
- ^{F53}(c)
- (2) “Evidence of formal qualifications” means—
- (a) diplomas, certificates and other evidence issued by an authority in [^{F54}the United Kingdom or] a relevant European State certifying successful completion of professional training obtained mainly in [^{F54}the United Kingdom or] one or more relevant European States; ^{F55}...
- ^{F55}(b)

- F52** Words in [reg. 9\(1\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 13(a)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F53** [Reg. 9\(1\)\(b\)\(c\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 13(b)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

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- F54** Words in [reg. 9\(2\)\(a\)](#) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 13(c)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F55** [Reg. 9\(2\)\(b\)](#) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 13(d)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Partial access

F56 **10.**

- F56** [Reg. 10](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 14** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Procedure applicable to partial access applications

F57 **11.**

- F57** [Reg. 11](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 14** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

F58 PART 2

Freedom to Provide Services on a Temporary and Occasional Basis

- F58** [Pt. 2](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 15** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Right to practise in the United Kingdom

12.

13.

Exemptions

14.

Declaration and documents to be provided on the first provision of service

15.

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17.

Title under which professional services are provided

18.

Checks for professions having public health or safety implications

19.

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21.

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23.

Non-compliance

24.

Administrative cooperation and service provision

25.

Information to be given to a recipient of professional services or service

26.

PART 3

[^{F59}Applications for Authorisation]

F59 Pt. 3 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 16** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

CHAPTER 1

General System for the Recognition of Training

Levels of qualification

27. For the purpose of applying conditions for recognition under regulation 29, professional qualifications are grouped under the following levels—

^{F60}(a)

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- (b) a certificate attesting to a successful completion of a course of secondary education either—
 - (i) general in character, supplemented by a course of study or professional training other than that referred to in paragraph (c) and/or by the probationary or professional practice required in addition to that course, or
 - (ii) technical or professional in character, supplemented where appropriate by a course of study or professional training as referred to in sub-paragraph (i), and/or by the probationary or professional practice required in addition to that course;
- (c) a diploma certifying successful completion of either—
 - (i) training at post-secondary level other than that referred to in paragraphs (d) and (e) of a duration of at least one year or of an equivalent duration on a part-time basis, one of the conditions of entry of which is, as a general rule, the successful completion of the secondary course required to obtain entry to university or higher education or the completion of equivalent school education of the second secondary level, as well as the professional training which may be required in addition to that post-secondary course; or
 - (ii) regulated education and training or, in the case of a regulated profession, vocational training with a special structure with competences going beyond what is provided for at paragraph (b) equivalent to the level of training provided for under sub-paragraph (i), which provides a comparable professional standard and which prepares the trainee for a comparable level of responsibilities and functions provided that the diploma is accompanied by a certificate from the home state;
- (d) a diploma certifying successful completion of training at post-secondary level of at least three and not more than four years' duration, or of an equivalent duration on a part-time basis, which may in addition be expressed with an equivalent number of ECTS credits, at a university or establishment of higher education or another establishment providing the same level of training, and that the applicant has successfully completed the professional training which may be required in addition to that post-secondary course;
- (e) a diploma certifying that the holder has successfully completed a post-secondary course of at least four years' duration, or of an equivalent duration on a part-time basis, which may in addition be expressed with an equivalent number of ECTS credits, at a university or establishment of higher education or another establishment providing the same level of training, and that the applicant has successfully completed the professional training which may be required in addition to the post-secondary course.

F60 Reg. 27(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 17** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Equal treatment of qualifications

F61 28.

F61 Reg. 28 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 18** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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Conditions for recognition

29.—^{F62}(1) If access to, or pursuit of, a regulated profession in the United Kingdom is contingent on possession of specific qualifications, a competent authority must permit access to, and pursuit of, that profession to an applicant, where that applicant possesses evidence of formal qualifications required by a relevant European State, where the profession is regulated, in order to gain access to and pursue the same profession in that relevant European State.]

^{F63}(1A) The requirement on the competent authority in paragraph (1) does not apply where—

- (a) the training the applicant has received covers substantially different matters than those covered by the evidence of formal qualifications required for the regulated profession in the United Kingdom; or
- (b) the regulated profession in the United Kingdom—
 - (i) comprises one or more regulated professional activities which do not exist in the profession in the applicant's home State; and
 - (ii) requires specific training that covers substantially different matters from those covered by the applicant's evidence of formal qualifications; or
- (c) the level of the professional qualifications of the applicant is lower than the level of the specific professional qualifications required to access and pursue the regulated profession in the United Kingdom;

(1B) In paragraph (1A), “substantially different matters” means matters of which knowledge, skills and competences acquired are essential for pursuing the profession and with regard to which the training received by the applicant shows significant differences in terms of duration or content from the training required in the United Kingdom.]

(2) ^{F64}... Evidence of formal qualifications must satisfy the following conditions—

- (a) they must have been issued by a competent authority of ^{F65}a] relevant European State;

^{F66}(b)

^{F67}(3) Nothing in paragraphs (1) or (1A) prevents a competent authority from exercising any other powers it may have to permit an applicant to access and pursue a regulated profession.]

^{F68}(4)

^{F68}(5)

F62 Reg. 29(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 19(a)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F63 Reg. 29(1A)(1B) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 19(b)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 paras. 2(c), 3); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F64 Words in reg. 29(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 19(c)(i)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F65 Word in reg. 29(2)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 19(c)(ii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F66 Reg. 29(2)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 19(c)(iii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- F67** Reg. 29(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 19(d)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F68** Reg. 29(4)(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 19(e)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Compensation measures - adaptation periods and aptitude tests

F69 **30.**

- F69** Regs. 30-37 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 20** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F69 **31.**

- F69** Regs. 30-37 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 20** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Conditions for compensation measures

F69 **32.**

- F69** Regs. 30-37 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 20** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F69 **33.**

- F69** Regs. 30-37 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 20** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F69 **34.**

- F69** Regs. 30-37 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 20** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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CHAPTER 2

Recognition of Professional Experience

Automatic Recognition

^{F69}**35.**

F69 Regs. 30-37 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 20** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

CHAPTER 3

United Kingdom Certificates of Experience

Issue and revocation of Certificates of Experience

^{F69}**36.**

F69 Regs. 30-37 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 20** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F69}**37.**

F69 Regs. 30-37 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 20** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

CHAPTER 4

[^{F70}General Provisions]

F70 Pt. 3 Ch. 4 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 21** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Documentation and formalities

38.—[^{F71}(1) When considering an application for authorisation to pursue a regulated profession, the competent authority may require any information or documentation necessary to enable the competent authority to assess the application, including—

- (a) evidence of formal qualifications, and any information necessary to determine the level and content of those qualifications;
- (b) information concerning the applicant's training to the extent necessary to determine the existence of potential substantial differences to the training requirements in the United Kingdom;
- (c) the applicant's fitness to practice and professional or financial standing; and

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(d) the applicant's insurance cover.]

^{F72}(2)

(3) The competent authority must keep confidential all such information received by it.

F71 Reg. 38(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 22(a)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F72 Reg. 38(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 22(b)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

39.—(1) A competent authority, in cases of justified doubt, may [^{F73}request] from a competent authority of a relevant European State confirmation of the authenticity of the ^{F74}... evidence of formal qualifications awarded in that ^{F74}... relevant European State.

(2) A competent authority, in cases of justified doubt, is entitled, where evidence of formal qualifications has been issued by a competent authority of a relevant European State and includes training received in whole or in part in an establishment legally established in a relevant European State other than that which awarded the qualification, to verify with a competent authority of the relevant European State of origin of the award—

- (a) whether the training course at the establishment which gave the training has been formally certified by the educational establishment in the relevant European State of origin of the award;
- (b) whether the evidence of formal qualifications issued is the same as that which would have been awarded if the course had been followed in the relevant European State of origin of the award; and
- (c) whether the evidence of formal qualifications confers the same professional rights in the territory of the relevant European State of origin of the award.

(3) A competent authority, in cases of justified doubt, is entitled to [^{F75}request] confirmation from a competent authority of a relevant European state that the applicant is not suspended or prohibited from the pursuit of the profession as a result of serious professional misconduct or conviction of criminal offences relating to the pursuit of any of the applicant's professional activities.

[^{F76}(4) Where a competent authority of another relevant European State does not provide the confirmation required or the verification sought by a competent authority under this regulation before the expiry of the time limit for notifying the applicant of its decision under regulation 42(2), the competent authority may refuse the application.]

F73 Word in reg. 39(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 23(a)(i)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F74 Words in reg. 39(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 23(a)(ii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F75 Word in reg. 39(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 23(b)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F76 Reg. 39(4) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 23(c)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F77 **40.**

F77 Reg. 40 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 24** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F78 **41.**

F78 Reg. 41 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 24** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Decisions of competent authorities

42.—(1) The competent authority must acknowledge receipt of an applicant's application [^{F79}for authorisation to practise] in the United Kingdom pursuant to Part 3 of these Regulations within one month of receipt, and must inform the applicant if any document is missing.

(2) The competent authority must consider the applicant's application as soon as is reasonably practicable, and must notify the applicant of its decision together with the reasons upon which it is based [^{F80}within four months] of receipt of all the relevant documentation.

(3) The decision referred to in paragraph (2), or failure to take that decision within the deadlines set out in that paragraph, is subject to appeal pursuant to regulation 68.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, if a competent authority fails to take a decision and notify it to the applicant within the period mentioned in paragraph (2), it shall be deemed to have taken a decision to reject the application and to have notified it to the applicant on the last day of that period.

F81 (5)

F79 Words in reg. 42(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 25(a)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F80 Words in reg. 42(2) substituted for reg. 42(2)(a)(b) (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 25(b)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F81 Reg. 42(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 25(c)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Use of professional titles

43.—(1) If the use of a professional title relating to one of the activities of the profession in question is regulated in the United Kingdom, applicants who are authorised to practise a regulated

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profession in accordance with this Part of these Regulations must use the professional title used in the United Kingdom which corresponds to that profession, and make use of any associated initials.

(2) Where a profession is regulated in the United Kingdom by a professional association, applicants must not be authorised to use the professional title issued by that professional association, or its abbreviated form, unless they furnish proof that they are members of that professional association.

(3) A professional association that makes membership contingent upon certain qualifications may do so only under the conditions laid down in these Regulations in respect of applicants who possess professional qualifications.

^{F82}(4)

F82 Reg. 43(4) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 26** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F83}**PART 4**

European Professional Card

F83 Pt. 4 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 27** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Functions of designated competent authorities in the United Kingdom in relation to an application for a European Professional Card

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Issue of European Professional Card for temporary and occasional provision of service other than those having public health or safety implications

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Decision on issue or revocation of the European Professional Card

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^{F84}PART 5

Automatic recognition on the basis of common training principles

F84 Pt. 5 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/312\)](#), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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Common training framework

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Common training test

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PART 6

Supplementary

Exchange of information

66.—(1) Competent authorities in the United Kingdom [^{F85}may exchange information with competent authorities of] relevant European States regarding disciplinary action or criminal sanctions taken or any other serious, specific circumstances which are likely to have consequences for the pursuit of activities under these Regulations.

(2) A competent authority in the [^{F86}United Kingdom] receiving information from a competent authority of [^{F87}a] relevant European State on disciplinary action or criminal sanctions, must—

- (a) examine the veracity of the circumstances;
- (b) decide on the nature and scope of the investigations which need to be carried out; and
- (c) inform that authority of the conclusions which it draws from the information available to it.

(3) Competent authorities must exchange information for the purposes of this regulation in accordance with data protection [^{F88}legislation within the meaning of section 3(9) of the Data Protection Act 2018].

F85 Words in reg. 66(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 29\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#); and (4.6.2021) by S.I. 2021/574, regs. 1(1), [2\(3\)](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

F86 Words in reg. 66(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 29\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#); and (4.6.2021) by S.I. 2021/574, regs. 1(1), [2\(3\)](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

F87 Word in reg. 66(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 29\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#); and (4.6.2021) by S.I. 2021/574, regs. 1(1), [2\(3\)](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

F88 Words in reg. 66(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 29\(c\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#); and (4.6.2021) by S.I. 2021/574, regs. 1(1), [2\(3\)](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Alert mechanism

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F89 Reg. 67 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 30** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Appeals

68.—(1) Within four months of the notification to the applicant of a decision of a competent authority made in relation to the applicant under [^{F90}either regulation 6(1) or 42(2)], or thereafter with the permission of the appropriate appeal body, the applicant may appeal against that decision on a matter of law or fact (or of both) to the appropriate appeal body.

^{F91}(2)

(3) This regulation does not apply in relation to a decision of a competent authority (which falls within paragraph (1) ^{F92}...) for a particular profession where the right of appeal in relation to that decision is provided for in another enactment relating to that profession.

(4) An appropriate appeal body may, for the purpose of determining any appeal under these Regulations against the decision of a competent authority under [^{F93}regulation 6(1) or 42(2)]—

- (a) give any authorisation to practise and impose any condition which the competent authority could give or impose in relation to that profession; or
- (b) remit the matter to the competent authority with such directions as the appeal body sees fit.

[^{F94}(5) In paragraph (3), “enactment” includes—

- (a) an enactment contained in subordinate legislation within the meaning given by subsection (1) of section 21 of the Interpretation Act 1978, except that the definition of that term in that subsection shall have effect as if “Act” included Northern Ireland legislation, and
- (b) an enactment contained in an Act of the Scottish Parliament or in an instrument made under such an Act.]

(6) In this regulation, “appropriate appeal body” means—

- (a) where the profession concerned is one set out in the first column of an entry in Schedule 5, the court, tribunal or other person set out in the second column of that entry;
- (b) in any other case, the county court or, in Scotland, the sheriff.

F90 Words in reg. 68(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 31(a)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 3**; and (4.6.2021) by S.I. 2021/574, regs. 1(1), **2(2)(4)(5)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F91 Reg. 68(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 31(b)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 3**; and (4.6.2021) by S.I. 2021/574, regs. 1(1), **2(2)(4)(5)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F92 Words in reg. 68(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 31(c)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 3**; and (4.6.2021) by S.I. 2021/574, regs. 1(1), **2(2)(4)(5)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F93 Words in reg. 68(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 31(d)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 3**; and (4.6.2021) by S.I. 2021/574, regs. 1(1), **2(2)(4)(5)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

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F94 Reg. 68(5) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 31(e)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 3**; and (4.6.2021) by S.I. 2021/574, regs. 1(1), **2(2)(4)(5)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**; 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

Use of academic titles

69.—(1) Without prejudice to [^{F95}regulation] 43, an applicant who is authorised to practise a regulated profession in the United Kingdom will have the right to use the lawful academic title (and where appropriate the abbreviation thereof) acquired by that applicant in their home State and in the language of that State.

(2) Where the applicant makes use of the possibility provided for in paragraph (1), the competent authority may require that the title shall be followed by the name and location of the establishment or examining board which awarded it.

(3) Where a competent authority decides that an academic title in paragraph (1) is liable to be confused with a title which, in the United Kingdom, requires supplementary training not acquired by the applicant, it may require the applicant to use the academic title of the home State in an appropriate form laid down by the competent authority.

F95 Word in reg. 69(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 32** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Assistance centre

70.—(1) The assistance centre must—

- (a) provide applicants ^{F96}... with such information as is necessary concerning the recognition of professional qualifications, such as information on the national legislation governing the regulated profession concerned and pursuit of that profession, including social legislation, ^{F97}... and, where appropriate, the rules of ethics;
- [^{F98}(b) on receipt of an enquiry, assist applicants in exercising the rights conferred on them by these Regulations, in co-operation where appropriate, with points of single contact and competent authorities in the United Kingdom.]

(2) On request from the [^{F99}Secretary of State], the assistance centre must inform the [^{F99}Secretary of State] of the result of the enquiries with which they are dealing within two months after receiving such a request.

F96 Words in reg. 70(1)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 33(a)(i)(aa)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F97 Words in reg. 70(1)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 33(a)(i)(bb)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F98 Reg. 70(1)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 33(a)(ii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F99 Word in [reg. 70\(2\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 33\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Information from competent authorities

71.—(1) Competent authorities must provide the Secretary of State with such information (including statistical information) as the Secretary of State may require concerning applications made to those authorities by those seeking to rely on the provisions of [^{F100}these Regulations] and the actions and decisions taken in respect of those applications.

(2) The information referred to in paragraph (1) must include detailed information on the number and types of decisions issued in accordance with these Regulations^{F101}....

F100 Words in [reg. 71\(1\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 34\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

F101 Words in [reg. 71\(2\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 34\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Review

72.—(1) The Secretary of State must from time to time—

- (a) carry out a review of the effect of these Regulations,
- (b) set out the conclusions of the review in a report, and
- (c) publish the report.

^{F102}(2)

(3) The report must in particular—

- (a) set out the objectives to be achieved by the regulatory system established by the Regulations,
- (b) assess the extent to which those objectives have been achieved, and
- (c) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate and, if so, the extent to which they could be achieved with a system that imposes less regulation.

(4) The first report under this regulation must be published before the end of the period of five years beginning with the day on which these Regulations come into force.

(5) Reports under this regulation are afterwards to be published at intervals not exceeding five years.

F102 [Reg. 72\(2\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 35](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), [regs. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Consequential amendments

73.—(1) The European Communities (Lawyer's Practice) Regulations 2000^{F103} are amended as follows.

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(2) In regulation 2(1), in the definition of “Qualification Regulations”, for “the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2007” substitute “ the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015 ”.

(3) In regulation 29(1), for “regulation 26(a)” substitute “ regulation 34(a) ”.

(4) In the heading to Schedule 1, for “REGULATION 26(A)” substitute “ REGULATION 34(A) ”.

F103 [S.I. 2000/1119](#), amended by [S.I. 2009/1587](#); there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

74.—(1) The Education (School Teachers' Qualifications) (England) Regulations 2003 ^{F104} are amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 2, for “the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2007” substitute “ the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015 ”.

F104 [S.I. 2003/1662](#), amended by [S.I. 2007/2782](#).

75.—(1) The Provision of Services Regulations 2009 ^{F105} are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 31, in paragraph (5) omit the entry reading “regulations 11, 12, 31, 32 and 33 of the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2007;” and in the appropriate place insert “ regulations 15, 16, 38, 39, 40, 44, 52, 57 and 58 of the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015. ”

F105 [S.I. 2009/2999](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

76.—(1) The Tribunal Procedure (First-Tier Tribunal)(General Regulatory Chamber) Rules 2009 ^{F106} are amended as follows.

(2) In rule 1(3), in the definition of “transport case” for “and the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2007” substitute “ , the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2007 and the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015 ”.

F106 [S.I. 2009/1976](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

77.—(1) The Education (Induction Arrangements for School Teachers) (England) Regulations 2012 ^{F107} are amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 10 of Schedule 1, for “the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2007” substitute “ the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015 ”.

F107 [S.I. 2012/1115](#).

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Transitional and saving provisions

78.—^{F108}(1)

(2) From the date of entry into force of these Regulations, any authorisation given by a competent authority to an applicant under the 2007 Regulations is to be treated as an authorisation given under these Regulations.

^{F109}(3)

- F108** Reg. 78(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 36** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F109** Reg. 78(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 36** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Revocation

79. Subject to regulation 78, the 2007 Regulations are revoked in their entirety.

80. The Regulations set out in the first column of Schedule 6 are revoked to the extent expressed in the third column of that Schedule.

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 3 and 8

Regulated Professions

PART 1

Professions Regulated by Law or Public Authority

Profession	Competent authority
Advocate in Scotland	The Faculty of Advocates
Airport Fire Officer	Civil Aviation Authority
Airport Fire Fighter	
Analytical Chemist	The Royal Society of Chemistry
Barrister in England and Wales	General Council of the Bar
Barrister in Northern Ireland	The Bar of Northern Ireland, the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland
Licensed Boatmaster	Secretary of State
In England and Wales:	Security Industry Authority
Cash and Valuables in Transit Operative	
Close Protection Operative	
Door Supervisor	
Public Space Surveillance Operative	
Security Guard	
Vehicle Immobiliser	
In Scotland and Northern Ireland:	
Cash and Valuables in Transit Operator	
Close Protection Operative	
Door Supervisor	
Public Space Surveillance Operative	
Security Guard	
In Northern Ireland:	
Vehicle Immobiliser	
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Licensed conveyancer	The Council for Licensed Conveyancers
Licensed CLC practitioner	
Deck Officer Class 1--Fishing Vessels	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Deck Officer Class 2--Fishing Vessels	
Deck Officer Class 3--Fishing Vessels	

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Engineer Class 1--Fishing Vessels

Engineer Class 2--Fishing Vessels

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Approved Driving Instructor (Great Britain)

Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency -
Registrar, (Part V, section 123 of the Road Traffic
Act 1988

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and the Motor Cars (Driving Instruction)
Regulations 2005

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Approved Driving Instructor (Northern Ireland) Driver Vehicle Agency Northern Ireland

[^{F120}In England:

Level 2 Childcare Worker

Level 3 Early Years Educator

Level 6 Specialist Early Years Graduate]

[^{F121}Secretary of State]

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Harbour Pilot

The competent harbour authority within the
meaning of section 1 of the Pilotage Act 1987

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Registered Gas Engineer

Gas Safe Register

The following health and care professions

Health and Care Professions Council

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Insolvency Practitioner

The Insolvency Practitioners Association

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment
in Northern Ireland

The Association of Chartered Certified
Accountants

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in
England and Wales

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of
Scotland

The Law Society of Northern Ireland

Inspector of Weights and Measures

Secretary of State

Inspector of Weights and Measures in Northern
Ireland

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment
in Northern Ireland

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Certified Instructor (Motor Cycles) (Great Britain)	Great Drivers and Vehicles Standards Agency
Approved Motorcycle Instructor (Northern Ireland)	Driver Vehicle Agency Northern Ireland
Diver	The Health and Safety Executive
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Notary Public (England and Wales)	Master of the Faculties
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Patent Attorney	The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys
Patent Agent	
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Road/Street Works Operatives	Scottish Qualifications Authority City and Guilds of London Institute The Certification and Association Board for the Water Authority
Road/Street Works Supervisors	Scottish Qualifications Authority City and Guilds of London Institute The Certification and Association Board for the Water Authority
School Teacher in a publicly regulated school in England	[^{F148} Secretary of State]
School Teacher in a publicly regulated school in Northern Ireland	The General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland
School Teacher in a publicly regulated school in Scotland	The General Teaching Council for Scotland
School Teacher in a publicly regulated school in Wales	The Education Workforce Council
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Solicitor in England and Wales	The Law Society
Solicitor in Northern Ireland	The Law Society of Northern Ireland
Solicitor in Scotland	The Law Society of Scotland
Conveyancing practitioner in Scotland	
Executry Practitioner in Scotland	
Costs lawyer	Association of Costs Lawyers
Chartered legal executive	Chartered Institute of Legal Executives
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Teacher at a further education institution in Wales (within meaning of the Education Act 2002)	Welsh Ministers
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Certified Technically Competent Person in Scotland and Northern Ireland	Waste Management Industry Training and Advisory Board
Registered Trade Mark Attorney	The Institute of Trademark Attorneys
Registered Trade Mark Agent	
Listed Veterinary Nurse	The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

- F110** Words in [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(i)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))
- F111** Words in [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) omitted (20.2.2019) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 2**
- F112** Words in [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(ii)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))
- F113** Words in [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(iii)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))
- F114** Words in [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(iv)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))
- F115** Words in [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(v)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))
- F116** Words in [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(vi)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))

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- F117** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(vii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F118** 1988 c.52.
- F119** S.I.2005/1902 to which there are amendments not relevant to this Schedule.
- F120** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 inserted (8.12.2016) by The European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1094), regs. 1, **2(a)**
- F121** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 inserted (8.12.2016) by The European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1094), regs. 1, **2(b)**
- F122** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of S.I. 2019/312, Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(viii) (as inserted by The Professional Qualifications and Services (Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1038), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 2(d)**)
- F123** 1987 c.21.
- F124** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(viii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F125** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(ix)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F126** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(x)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F127** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xi)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F128** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F129** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xiii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F130** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xiv)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F131** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xv)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F132** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xvi)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F133** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xvii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F134** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xviii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F135** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xix)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F136** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xx)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- F138** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of The Social Workers Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/893), regs. 1(2), **45(2)(a)**
- F139** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xxvii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F140** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xxviii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F141** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xxix)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F142** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xxx)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F143** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xxxi)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F144** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xxxii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F145** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xxxiii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F146** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (7.1.2019) by virtue of The Further Education (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1101), regs. 1, **2(2)(a)(i)**
- F147** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (7.1.2019) by virtue of The Further Education (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1101), regs. 1, **2(2)(b)**
- F148** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 substituted (1.4.2018) by The School Teachers (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/166), regs. 1, **2(2)**
- F149** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xxiii)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F150** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xxiv)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F151** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xxv)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F152** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(xxvi)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F153** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 1 omitted (7.1.2019) by virtue of The Further Education (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1101), regs. 1, **2(2)(a)(ii)**
- F154** 2002 c.32.

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PART 2

Professions Regulated by Professional Bodies Incorporated by Royal Charter

Professional Title (where applicable)	Designatory Letters	Competent Authority
Actuary	FIA FFA AIA AFA	Institute and Faculty of Actuaries
Chartered Architectural Technologist	MCIAT	The Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists
Chartered Accountant	ACA	The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Chartered Accountant	ACA	The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland
Chartered Accountant	CA	The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland
Chartered Certified Accountant	ACCA	The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Chartered Arbitrator	FCI Arb	The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Associate of the Institute of Arbitrators	ACI Arb	The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Member of the Institute of Arbitrators	MCI Arb	The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Chartered Biologist	CBiol, MIBiol	The Society of Biology
Chartered Builder	MCI OB	The Chartered Institute of Building
Associate of the Institute of Building	ACI OB	
Chartered Building Services Engineer	MCIBSE	The Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers
Chartered Building Surveyor	MRICS	The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Chartered Surveyor Chartered Arts and Antiques Surveyor; Chartered Building Surveyor; Chartered Building Control Surveyor;	MRICS	

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Chartered Civil Engineering Surveyor;		
Chartered Commercial Property Surveyor;		
Chartered Construction Surveyor;		
Chartered Engineering Surveyor;		
Chartered Environmental Surveyor;		
Chartered Facilities Management Surveyor;		
Chartered Forestry Surveyor;		
Chartered Hydrographic Surveyor;		
Chartered Land Surveyor;		
Chartered Machinery Valuation Surveyor;		
Chartered Management Consultancy Surveyor;		
Chartered Minerals Surveyor;		
Chartered Planning and Development Surveyor;		
Chartered Project Management Surveyor;		
Chartered Quantity Surveyor;		
Chartered Valuation Surveyor;		
Associate of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors	AssocRICS	
Chartered Chemical Engineer	MIChemE	The Institution of Chemical Engineers
Chartered Chemist	C Chem,	The Royal Society of Chemistry
	MRSC	
Chartered Civil Engineer	MICE	The Institution of Civil Engineers
Chartered Colourist	C Col.	The Society of Dyers and Colourists
Licentiate of the Society of Dyers and Colourists	LSDC	
Chartered Energy Engineer	MEI FEI	Energy Institute
Chartered Petroleum Engineer	MEI FEI	
Chartered Engineer	C Eng	Engineering Council UK
Incorporated Engineer;	I Eng	
Engineering Technician;	EngTech	
Information and Communications Technology Technician	ICTTech	

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Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner	MCIEH	The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
	FCIEH	
Environmental Health Officer	MCIEH	The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
	FCIEH	
Chartered Environmental Health Officer	Ch EHO MREHIS	The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland
	Ch EHO FREHIS	
Environmental Health Officer	EHO MREHIS	The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland
	EHO FREHIS	
Chartered Forester Chartered Arboriculturist	MICFor	The Institute of Chartered Foresters
Chartered Gas Engineer	MIGEM	The Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers
Chartered Geologist	CGeol	The Geological Society
Chartered Geographer	CGeog FGS	The Royal Geographical Society
Housing Practitioner	MCIH	The Chartered Institute of Housing
Chartered IT Professional	CITP	The British Computer Society
Registered IT Technician	RIITech	The Chartered Institute for IT
Chartered Insurer	ACII	The Chartered Insurance Institute
Chartered Insurance Practitioner	ACII	
Chartered Insurance Broker	ACII	
Chartered Financial Planner	APFS	The Chartered Insurance Institute
Chartered Loss Adjuster	ACILA	The Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters
Chartered Management Accountant	ACMA	The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
Chartered Manager	Member MCMI Chartered Member MCMI Fellow FCMI Chartered Fellow FCMI	Chartered Management Institute CMGR

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Chartered Marine Engineer	CMarENG	The Institute of Marine Engineering Science and Technology
Chartered Marketer	MCIM	The Chartered Institute of Marketing
Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing	ACIM	The Chartered Institute of Marketing
Chartered Mathematician	C Math	The Institute of Mathematics and its Applications
Chartered Mathematics teacher	C MathTeach	The Institute of Mathematics and its Applications
Chartered Measurement And Control Technologist	MInstMC	The Institute of Measurement and Control
Chartered Meteorologist	CMet	The Royal Meteorological Society
Chartered Physicist	CPhys MInstP	The Institute of Physics
Chartered Public Finance Accountant	CIPFA	The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Dance	LTRAD	Royal Academy of Dance
Registered Teacher of the Royal Academy of Dance	RTRAD	
Chartered Safety and Health Practitioner	CMIOSH CFIOSH	The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
Chartered Scientist	CSci	Science Council
Chartered Secretary	ACIS	The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
Chartered Shipbroker	MICS	The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers
Chartered Statistician	CStat	Royal Statistical Society
Chartered Structural Engineer	MIStructE	The Institution of Structural Engineers
Chartered Tax Adviser	CTA	Chartered Institute of Taxation
Chartered Textile Technologist	CText ATI	The Textile Institute
Licentiate of the Textile Institute	LTI	
Chartered Town Planner	MRTPI	The Royal Town Planning Institute
Chartered Waste Manager	MCIWM	The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management

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Chartered Banker	MCIBS	The Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland
Associate of the ifs School of Aifs Finance (Aifs)		IfS School of Finance
Certified Affiliate of the ACLIP Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals	MCLIP FCILIP	The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals
Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals		
Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals		
FCLIP The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals		
	M Hort (RHS)	The Royal Horticultural Society
Chartered Water and Environment Manager	MCIWEM	The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
Member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology	MIET	The Institution of Engineering and Technology
Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers	MIMechE	The Institution of Mechanical Engineers
Member of the Institute of Materials Minerals and Mining (MIMMM)	MIMMM	The Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining
Landscape Architect	CMLI	The Landscape Institute
Member, Royal Aeronautical Society	MRAeS FRAeS	The Royal Aeronautical Society
Fellow, Royal Aeronautical Society		
Naval Architect	MRINA	The Royal Institution of Naval Architects
Chartered geographer		Royal Geographical Society

F155 PART 3

Regulated Professions Under Regulation 35

F155 Sch. 1 Pt. 3 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 37(b)** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F156 **PART 4**

Sectoral Professions

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F157 **SCHEDULE 2**

Regulation 2(6)

Regulated Professions Having Public Health or Safety
Implications for the purposes of regulations 19 to 23 and 51 to 55.

F157 Sch. 2 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 38** (with Sch. 1 Pt. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 1 para. 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F158 **SCHEDULE 3**

Regulation 34

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F159 **SCHEDULE 4**

Regulation 3

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SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 68

Appeal Bodies

Profession	Body, court or person
Advocate in Scotland	The Court of Session
Barrister in England and Wales	The High Court
Barrister in Northern Ireland	The Benchers of the Honourable Society of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland
Licensed Cab Driver (London)	A Magistrates' Court
Approved Driving Instructor ([^{F160} England and Wales])	[^{F161} The Magistrates' Court]
[^{F162} Approved Driving Instructor (Scotland)]	[^{F163} The Sheriff Court]
Approved Driving Instructor (Northern Ireland)	The Magistrates' Court
Approved Motorcycle Instructor (Northern Ireland)	The Magistrates' Court
Notary Public in England and Wales	[^{F164} Chancellor of the High Court]
Patent Attorney	The Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks
Patent Agent	
Registered Trade Mark Agent	
Registered Trade Mark Attorney	
School Teacher in a publicly regulated school in Scotland	The Court of Session
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Solicitor in England and Wales	The High Court
Solicitor in Northern Ireland	The Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland
Solicitor in Scotland	The Court of Session

F160 Words in Sch. 5 substituted (20.2.2019) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 1 para. 4\(a\)\(i\)](#)

F161 Words in Sch. 5 substituted (20.2.2019) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/312), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 1 para. 4\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

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SCHEDULE 6

Regulation 80

Revocation Schedule

(1) Regulation revoked	(2) Reference	(3) Extent of revocation
Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendment and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009	S.I. 2009/1182	Article 4(1) Schedule 4, Part 1 paragraphs 18 (a)(i)(bb) and paragraph 18 (c) (i) and (ii) Article 4(1) Schedule 4, Part 3, paragraphs 33(a) and 33(b)
Pharmacy Order 2010	S.I. 2010/231	Article 68, Schedule 4, Part 2, paragraphs 62(a) and 62(b).
Health Professions (Hearing Aid Dispensers) Order 2010	S.I. 2010/233	Article 11
Education Act 2011 (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) Order 2012	S.I. 2012/765	Article 13
Health and Social Care Act 2012 (Consequential Provisions – Social Workers) Order 2012	S.I. 2012/1479	Article 11, Schedule Part 2, paragraph 82
The European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2013	S.I. 2013/732	The whole Regulations

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke and replace the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2007 (“the 2007 Regulations”). The 2007 Regulations implemented in part Council Directive [2005/36/EC](#) (“the principal Directive”) on the recognition of professional qualifications as last amended by Directive 2013/55/EU amending Directive 2005/36/EU on the

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recognition of professional qualifications and Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System (“the IMI Regulation”) (“the Directive”). The principal Directive replaced the previous Council Directives [89/48/EEC](#), [92/51/EC](#) and [99/42/EC](#) on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications, as well as the Directives laying down minimum standards of training in specific professions, namely the professions of doctor, nurse, dental practitioner, veterinary surgeon, midwife, pharmacist and architect (“the sectoral professions”).

These Regulations establish rules for the recognition of professional qualifications enabling individuals, referred to in these Regulations as “applicants”, from the States of the European Economic Area or Switzerland to gain access to the professions in which they are qualified and to practise under the same conditions as professionals in the United Kingdom where those professions are regulated. These rules set out provisions for facilitating the provision of temporary and occasional professional services cross-border, and also provisions in relation to applicants seeking to establish themselves on a stable basis in the United Kingdom.

These Regulations implement the principal Directive as amended by the 2013 Directive (“the amended Directive”) in relation to all regulated professions other than the sectoral professions but the provisions relating to partial access and the alert mechanism and appeals in respect of those provisions apply to the sectoral professions. They also implement the amended Directive in part in relation to the sectoral professions, and the extent to which these Regulations apply to applicants in the sectoral professions as set out in regulation 3. The provisions of the amended Directive relating to the sectoral professions which are not implemented by these Regulations will be implemented, if necessary, in regulations to be prepared by the Department of Health, the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Part 1 of the Regulations sets out provisions relating to the application of the Regulations and the functions of competent authorities. Part 1 also provides for partial access to a professional activity under the conditions set out in that Part.

Part 2 of the Regulations sets out the rules for recognition of professional qualifications where an applicant moves to the United Kingdom seeking to provide professional services on a temporary and occasional basis. It sets out the role of a competent authority in relation to such an applicant, including specific provisions for professions having public health or safety implications, and it sets out the procedures and formalities with which an applicant must comply. It also makes provision for administrative cooperation between competent authorities of relevant European States.

Part 3 of these Regulations makes provision for recognition of professional qualifications where an applicant moves to the United Kingdom seeking to provide professional services on a permanent basis.

Chapter 1 of Part 3 sets out the rights of applicants to practise in the United Kingdom on a permanent basis. It imposes duties, subject to certain conditions and exceptions, upon competent authorities not to refuse, on grounds of inadequate qualifications, applicants who seek to practise a regulated profession in the United Kingdom if they hold the qualifications required by a relevant European State to practise the profession in that State. It also provides for competent authorities, in certain cases, to require an applicant to complete either an aptitude test or an adaptation period before authorising the applicant to practise the regulated profession in the UK.

Chapter 2 of Part 3, which applies only to the profession of farrier, makes provision for automatic recognition of professional experience by way of a certificate.

Chapter 3 of Part 3 of these Regulations sets out the procedure for the issue and revocation of a Certificate of Experience in respect of relevant experience and qualifications gained in the United Kingdom.

Chapter 4 of Part 3 makes provision concerning the evidence to be provided by an applicant or a competent authority in a relevant European State, the procedures to be followed by competent authorities when making decisions and the rights of an applicant to use the professional title or designatory letters applicable to the profession in the United Kingdom.

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Part 4 of these Regulations sets out provisions relating to the issue of a European Professional Card (EPC) as a means of recognition of professional qualifications for the provision of services in another member state. Further provisions relating to the procedure for issuance of the EPC are set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2015/983 (“the Implementing Regulation”). The Implementing Regulation lists the professions eligible for the EPC in Annex 1. Part 5 of these Regulations sets out the automatic recognition of qualifications under the common training framework and common training test provisions of the Directive to be given effect by delegated act of the Commission.

Part 6 of these Regulations sets out the alert mechanism by which competent authorities must notify other relevant States about professionals belonging to certain professions whose activities have been restricted or prohibited on its territory. Further provision on the application of the alert mechanism is provided for in the Implementing Regulation. It also provides rights of appeal against decisions of competent authorities, the right of an applicant to use the lawful academic title acquired by the applicant in their home State, and for the disclosure of information by competent authorities in the United Kingdom. Part 6 also makes consequential amendments including the revocation of the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/2781) which implemented the principal Directive.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the cost of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is available from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills on the gov.uk website (www.gov.uk). An Explanatory Memorandum and a transposition note are available alongside the instrument on the www.legislation.gov.uk website. Copies have also been placed in the Libraries of both Houses of Parliament.

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