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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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

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### THE EUROPEAN UNION (RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS) REGULATIONS 2015

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Explanatory Note

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- Regulations revoked by [2022 c. 20 s. 5\(1\)](#)