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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2024 No. 535**

**The Special Educational Needs and  
Disability (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

**Amendment to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014**

2.—(1) The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014<sup>(1)</sup> are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 49 (prescribed qualifications and experience of SENCOs)—

- (a) in paragraph (4), for “qualification, mentioned in paragraph (5)” substitute “relevant SENCO Qualification”;
- (b) omit paragraphs (5) and (6);
- (c) at the end, insert—

“(7) For the purposes of paragraph (4), the relevant SENCO Qualification is—

- (a) where a person commences a course leading to that qualification before 1st September 2024 and completes that course before 1st September 2027, the National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination;
- (b) where a person commences a course leading to that qualification on or after 1st September 2024, the National Professional Qualification for Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators.

(8) For the purposes of paragraph (7)(a), the National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination is a postgraduate qualification in special educational needs co-ordination awarded by a body designated by the Secretary of State by order made under section 216(1) of the Education Reform Act 1988<sup>(2)</sup>.

(9) For the purposes of paragraph (7)(b), The National Professional Qualification for Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators is a qualification in special educational needs co-ordination awarded by the providers specified in Schedule A1.”.

(3) Before Schedule 1, insert the Schedule A1 set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

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<sup>(1)</sup> [S.I. 2014/1530](#); there are amending instruments, but they are not relevant.

<sup>(2)</sup> [1988 c. 40](#); section 216(1) was amended by section 54(5) of the Higher Education and Research Act [2017 c. 29](#).