

SL(5)656 – The Teachers’ Qualifications (Amendment) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

Background and Purpose

These Regulations make technical amendments to the Teachers’ Qualifications (Amendment) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (“the 2019 Regulations”) to update cross-references to provisions in the Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (“RPQ Regulations 2019”), which arise as a result of amendments made by the Professional Qualifications and Services (Miscellaneous Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

The 2019 Regulations made amendments to the School Teachers’ Qualifications (Wales) Regulations 2012 in relation to the recognition of teachers’ qualifications in Wales in accordance with the RPQ Regulations 2019.

These Regulations come into force on Implementation Period Completion Day (at 11.00 pm on 31 December 2020).

Procedure

Negative.

Technical Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

Merits Scrutiny

The following two points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

1. Standing Order 21.3(ii) – that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd.

A draft of these Regulations was laid before the Senedd for sifting in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. The Committee agreed on 2 November 2020, that the negative procedure was the appropriate procedure for these Regulations.

2. Standing Order 21.3(ii) – that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd

In paragraphs 2.1 and 3(b) of the Welsh version of the Explanatory Memorandum there are references to “Ddeddf Addysg 2020”, which appears to be a typographical error that should instead read “Ddeddf Addysg 2002”.



Implications arising from exiting the European Union

The purpose of these Regulations is to ensure that retained EU law operates effectively once the UK leaves the EU.

Welsh Government response

Given the current circumstances regarding coronavirus, a Welsh Government response is required in relation to the second merits point as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 23 November 2020 and reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting points above.

