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## **WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

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**TITLE**            **The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.)  
(EU Exit) Regulations 2018**

**DATE**            **20 December 2018**

**BY**                **Kirsty Williams AM, Minister for Education**

**The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit)  
Regulations 2018**

**The Law which is being amended**

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

**Any impact the SI may have on the Assembly's legislative competence and/or the  
Welsh Ministers' executive competence**

The proposed amendments will have no impact on the Assembly's legislative competence and/or the Welsh Ministers' executive competence. The regulation of a number of professions within scope of the SI is devolved through the devolution settlement for Wales. The UK Government is using powers set out in section 8 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 to make provisions that could be made by Welsh Ministers.

**The purpose of the amendments**

The purpose of this SI is to correct deficiencies arising as a consequence of the United Kingdom's (UK) withdrawal from the European Union (EU). The deficiencies are primarily those arising from the reciprocal arrangements between the UK and European Economic Area (EEA) States, which will no longer be operable or appropriate after the UK exits the EU.

The SI and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum setting out the effect of each amendment is available here: <https://beta.parliament.uk/work-packages/zdDtZ5ZV>

**Why consent was given**

There is no divergence between the Welsh Government and the UK Government on the policy for the correction. Therefore, making separate SIs in Wales and England would lead to duplication, and unnecessary complication of the statute book. Consenting to a UK-wide SI ensures that there is a single legislative framework across the UK which promotes clarity and accessibility during this period of change. In these exceptional circumstances, the

Welsh Government considers it appropriate that the UK Government legislates on our behalf in this instance. The proposed laying date for the SI is 19 December 2018, and the fixes will be made using the affirmative procedure for SIs.