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| **TITLE** | **Proposals to add to the categories of those required to register with the Education Workforce Council – summary of consultation responses** |
| **DATE** | **22 December 2023** |
| **BY** | **Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and Welsh Language** |

I am grateful to all the individuals and organisations who took the time to respond to our consultation on proposals to amend the Education Workforce Council (EWC) registration requirements. I am pleased to publish a summary of those responses.

[Education Workforce Council (Additional Categories of Registration) (Wales) Order 2024](https://www.gov.wales/education-workforce-council-additional-categories-registration-wales-order-2024)

This consultation provided an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the draft statutory instrument. The consultation closed on 21 November 2023 and 31 responses were received.

There was broad support for the new legislation which will address inconsistencies in the current requirements and require additional groups to register with the EWC, such as community-based adult learning practitioners and senior staff in Further Education Institutions. The work to strengthen regulations that will increase safeguards to protect learners across the education sector continues at pace.

Our proposals therefore will proceed largely unchanged and, where concerns were raised or clarification was requested, these have been addressed in the summary of responses published today.

The new legislation will be brought forward in the spring of 2024.

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. Should members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Senedd returns I would be happy to do so.