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(Registrable Interests) Regulations
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Sections 134 to 139 of Chapter 1 of Part 8 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 (“the Measure”) make provision relating to the integrity of the Welsh Language Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) and Deputy Welsh Language Commissioner (“the Deputy Commissioner”).

Section 134 requires the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner (defined for the purposes of Chapter 1 of Part 8 of the Measure as “relevant office holders”) to create and maintain a register of interests. A relevant office holder’s register of interests must include all of his or her registrable interests.

Section 138 provides the Welsh Ministers with the power, by regulations, to specify what interests are registrable interests for the purposes of Chapter 1 of Part 8 of the Measure.

The Welsh Ministers make these Regulations in reliance upon the power provided by section 138 of the Measure. Regulation 2 introduces the Schedule to the Regulations which specifies relevant office holders’ registrable interests.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for these Regulations.

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Made 7 March 2012

Laid before the National Assembly for Wales
9 March 2012

Coming into force 1 April 2012

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 138 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011⁽¹⁾, make the following Regulations:

Title and commencement

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Welsh Language Measure (Registrable Interests) Regulations 2012.

(2) These Regulations come into force on the 1 April 2012.

Registrable interests

2. The Schedule to this Order specifies relevant office holders' registrable interests for the purposes of Chapter 1 of Part 8 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

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Minister for Education and Skills, one of the Welsh Ministers

7 March 2012

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Regulation 2

SCHEDULE
REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

PART 1

Interpretation

In this Schedule—

“child” (“*plentyn*”) means any person who, at the time the interest is registered is either—

- (a) a child of the relevant office holder;
- (b) a step-child of the relevant office holder by marriage or civil partnership;
- (c) a person legally adopted by the relevant office holder;
- (d) a person placed for adoption with the relevant office holder; or
- (e) a person under the age of sixteen, or under the age of nineteen and in full-time education, and who, for the previous six calendar months, has been financially supported by the relevant office holder;

“family member” (“*aelod o deulu*”) in relation to a relevant office holder means the relevant office holder’s partner and any child;

“Measure” (“*Mesur*”) means the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011;

“partner” (“*partner*”) means a spouse, civil partner or one of a couple whether of the same sex or the opposite sex who although not married to each other are living together and treat each other as spouses;

“relevant person” (“*person perthnasol*”) means a person who is within (whether individually or as part of a group of persons) Schedule 6 or 8 to the Measure; and

“relevant property” (“*eiddo perthnasol*”) means land or intellectual property in respect of which the Commissioner holds an interest acquired by money provided by the Welsh Ministers under paragraph 14 of Schedule 1 to the Measure.

PART 2

Interests

The interests referred to in regulation 2 are—

- (a) details of any office or employment held by a family member of a relevant office holder with a relevant person;
- (b) details of any interest held by a relevant office holder or a family member of a relevant office holder in relevant property;
- (c) the names of any companies or other bodies in which a relevant office holder has, either alone or with or on behalf of a family member of the relevant office holder, a beneficial interest in shares; and
- (d) remunerated directorships held by a relevant office holder in any company including directorships which are individually unremunerated but where the remuneration is paid through another company in the same group.