

## **Explanatory Memorandum to the Apprenticeships (Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales) (Modification) (Revocation) Order 2023**

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the department of Economy, Skills and Natural Resources of the Welsh Government and is laid before Senedd Cymru in conjunction with the above subordinate legislation and in accordance with Standing Order 27.1.

### **Minister's Declaration**

In my view, this Explanatory Memorandum gives a fair and reasonable view of the expected impact of the Apprenticeships (Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales) (Modification) (Revocation) Order 2023.

**Vaughan Gething MS**  
**Minister for Economy**  
**8 December 2023**

## **1. Description**

This Order revokes the Apprenticeships (Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales) (Modification) Order 2023.

## **2. Matters of special interest to the Legislative, Justice and Constitution Committee**

This Order has been made as result of the technical reporting points identified in the Committee's report on the Modification Order (SL(6)417).

## **3. Legislative background**

The Order is made using the power conferred on the Welsh Ministers by section 29(1) of the 2009 Act.

## **4. Purpose & intended effect of the legislation**

On 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 the Minister for the Economy made the Apprenticeships (Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales) (Modification) Order 2023 ("the Modification Order"). The purpose of the Order was to make changes to the *Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales* ("*the SASW*") to support the Welsh Government's policy goals in respect of apprenticeships. The Order was laid at the Senedd on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The SASW specifies the requirements that must be met for recognised Welsh apprenticeship frameworks to be issued under section 19(1) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 ("the 2009 Act"). All apprentice frameworks must meet the requirements specified in the modified SASW to be a recognised Welsh framework issued under section 19(1) of the 2009 Act.

Upon receipt of a report from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee it became apparent that there were technical defects in the Order that would prevent it from working as intended. It is therefore necessary to revoke the Modification Order before it comes into force on the 11 December. A new Order will then be produced to implement the Welsh Government's policy intentions in respect of the SASW.

This Order will be provided free of charge to recipients of the Modification Order.

## **5. Consultation**

No public consultation was undertaken. The purpose of the Order is solely to revoke the Apprenticeships (Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales) (Modification) Order 2023.

## **6. Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)**

The Welsh Ministers Code of Practice on carrying out regulatory impact assessments has been considered in relation to this Order. A Regulatory Impact Assessment is not required as no new polices are being implemented.