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| **TITLE**  | **Proposals to add to the categories of those required to register with the Education Workforce Council – draft legislation consultation** |
| **DATE**  | **26 September 2023** |
| **BY** | **Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and Welsh Language** |

I am pleased today to launch this consultation on the proposals to require additional education practitioners to register with the Education Workforce Council. This consultation seeks views on the draft Order which proposes amendments to the relevant legislation.

We want to ensure that learners in Wales are provided the safeguards that come with having a workforce that is professionally and independently regulated. This includes staff working in further education institutions, community-based adult learning providers and senior leaders in further education institutions. We are confident that this legislation will mean our education, learning and teaching professionals will have parity of professionalism, regardless of where they work.

By adding new categories of registration and extending existing registration requirements, the draft Order aims to drive up professional standards across the education workforce. This will ultimately provide better services for learners, as well as providing assurances to families and the wider community.

The [consultation](https://www.gov.wales/education-workforce-council-additional-categories-registration-wales-order-2024) commences today and will conclude on 21 November 2023.