

# Professional Qualifications Bill [HL]

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**Clause 1**

LORD LANSLEY

*As an amendment to the amendment in the name of Lord Grimstone of Boscobel at page 2, line 5, printed on sheet HL Bill 2(a)*

In subsection (3A)(b)(i), leave out “only”

**Clause 2**

LORD LANSLEY

Page 2, line 35, leave out “without unreasonable delays or charges”

**Clause 5**

LORD PALMER OF CHILDS HILL  
LORD FOX

Page 4, line 14, at end insert –

“(3) Nothing in this section affects individuals whose qualifications were recognised by virtue of the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015 before subsection (1) comes into force.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment makes it explicit that qualifications recognised before the EU regulations were revoked are not affected.*

**Clause 7**

LORD FOULKES OF CUMNOCK

*This amendment replaces an amendment tabled in the name of Lord Foulkes of Cumnock, published in HL Bill 2(c)*

Page 4, line 41, at end insert –

“(d) publish advice and information about immigration requirements for entry to the United Kingdom for purposes of practising a regulated profession.”

**Clause 7 - continued**

BARONESS RANDESON

Page 4, line 41, at end insert –

“(1A) Before making the arrangements, the Secretary of State must consult the devolved authorities on the functions and operations of the assistance centre.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the Secretary of State to undertake consultation with the Devolved Authorities on the functions and operations of the Assistance Centre before it comes into being.*

LORD FOX

Page 5, line 8, leave out subsection (4)

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment is to probe the intention of this subsection.*

**After Clause 10**

LORD PALMER OF CHILDS HILL

Insert the following new Clause –

**“Report on the impact of this Act on SMEs**

- (1) Within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report on the impact of this Act on small and medium-sized enterprises (“SMEs”).
- (2) The report must include but is not limited to –
  - (a) the financial implications of the Act on SMEs in the UK, and
  - (b) the impact of the change in mutual recognition of qualifications on workforce availability for SMEs.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require a report on the impact of this act on SMEs.*

LORD FOX

Insert the following new Clause –

**“Report on the impact of this Act on innovation**

- (1) Within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report on the impact of this Act on innovation in the United Kingdom.
- (2) The report must include but is not limited to –
  - (a) the impact of the change in mutual recognition of qualifications on innovation;
  - (b) the impact of changes in workforce availability as a result of this Act on horizon scanning and the creation of new industries in the United Kingdom.

**After Clause 10 - continued**

- (3) The report must make a recommendation as to whether further action is needed from the Government to ensure the United Kingdom remains a centre for innovation.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require a report on the impact of the Act on innovation in the UK.*

Insert the following new Clause—

**“Report on financial impact on regulators and applicants**

- (1) Within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report on the impact of this Act on regulators and applicants.
- (2) The report must include but is not limited to the financial impact of any fees introduced as a consequence of this Act on—
- (a) regulators, and
  - (b) individuals seeking to practise a regulated profession in the United Kingdom.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require a report on the financial impact of this Act on regulators and applicants.*

**Clause 13**

LORD LANSLEY

Page 10, line 18, at end insert—

- “(1A) The power to make regulations under section 3 does not include power to modify legislation, other than subordinate legislation.”

**Clause 15**

BARONESS RANDESON

Page 11, leave out lines 10 to 13

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would mean all regulations made under the Act are subject to the affirmative procedure.*

**Clause 18**

LORD PURVIS OF TWEED  
LORD FOX

Page 13, line 32, leave out paragraph (c)

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*See explanatory statement for amendment in the name of Lord Purvis of Tweed to page 14, Line 6.*

Page 14, line 1, at end insert—

“(aa) section 6;”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*See explanatory statement for the amendment in the name of Lord Purvis of Tweed to page 14, line 6.*

Page 14, line 6, at end insert—

“(5A) The day appointed for the coming into force of section 5(1) or 6 must not be within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment, and the other amendments to Clause 18 in the name of Lord Purvis of Tweed, would mean Clause 5(1) and Clause 6 do not come into force until at least 1 year after the passing of this Act.*

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