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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

**The European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Second General System) Regulations 1996**

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**THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS) (SECOND GENERAL SYSTEM) REGULATIONS 1996**

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10. (1) Without prejudice to its other powers and functions, a...

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11. (1) This Regulation applies in any case in which the...
12. (1) This Regulation applies in any case in which the...

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- 13. (1) This Regulation applies in any case in which the...
- 14. (1) This Regulation applies in any case in which the...

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1. This paragraph applies if the migrant holds either—
2. This paragraph applies if the migrant— (a) possesses evidence of...
3. This paragraph applies if the migrant— (a) possesses evidence of...
4. This paragraph applies if the migrant— (a) possesses evidence of...
5. This paragraph applies if, during the previous ten years, the...  
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6. The education and training of which the holder possesses evidence...
7. Evidence of education and training satisfies this paragraph if it...
8. Evidence of education and training satisfies this paragraph if it...
9. Subject to paragraph 10 below, evidence of education and training...
10. Paragraph 9 above only applies if the recognition given to...
11. Evidence of education and training satisfies this paragraph if it...
12. Subject to paragraph 13 below, evidence of education and training...
13. Paragraph 12 above only applies if the recognition given to...
14. A post-secondary course of the kind referred to in paragraph...
15. A course of education and training of the kind referred to...  
PART III — REQUIREMENTS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
16. The practising requirements referred to in this Schedule are that...
17. The practising requirements of paragraph 16 above are permissible only...

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PART I — COURSES REFERABLE TO THE PRACTICE OF A PROFESSION IN ANOTHER RELEVANT STATE

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3. Seafaring sector
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PART II — COURSES REFERABLE TO THE PRACTICE OF A PROFESSION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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SCHEDULE 6 — LIST OF COURSES OF REGULATED EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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