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I, JAMES LAWLESS, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972) and for the purpose of giving further effect to Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005¹, as amended by Directive (EU) 2024/505 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 February 2024², hereby make the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.

2. In these Regulations, “Principal Regulations” means the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 8 of 2017).

3. Regulation 3(1) of the Principal Regulations is amended, in the definition of “Directive”, by the substitution of “, Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2016/790 of 13 January 2016³, Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2017/2113 of 11 September 2017⁴, Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/608 of 16 January 2019⁵, Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2020/548 of 23 January 2020⁶, Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2021/2183 of 25 August 2021⁷, Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2023/2383 of 23 May 2023⁸ and Directive (EU) 2024/505 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 February 2024⁹” for “and Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2016/790 of 13 January 2016¹⁰”.

4. Regulation 38 of the Principal Regulations is amended by the substitution of the following paragraphs for paragraph (3):

“(3) In the case of an applicant who trained as a nurse responsible for general care in Romania and whose training does not satisfy the minimum training requirements laid down in Article 31 of the Directive, the

¹ OJ No. L. 255, 30.9.2005, p. 22.

² OJ L, 2024/505, 12.2.2024.

³ OJ No. L. 134, 24.5.2016, p. 135.

⁴ OJ No. L. 317, 1.12.2017, p. 119.

⁵ OJ No. L. 104, 15.4.2019, p. 1.

⁶ OJ No. L. 131, 24.4.2020, p. 1.

⁷ OJ No. L. 444, 10.12.2021, p. 16.

⁸ OJ L, 2023/2383, 9.10.2023, p. 1.

⁹ OJ L, 2025/505, 12.2.2024.

¹⁰ OJ No. L. 134, 24.5.2016, p. 135.

competent authority in the State for general nurses shall recognise as sufficient proof:

- (a) any of the following evidence of formal qualification as a nurse responsible for general care, provided that such evidence is accompanied by a certificate stating that the applicant has effectively and lawfully been engaged in the activities of a nurse responsible for general care in Romania, including taking full responsibility for the planning, organisation and carrying out of the nursing care of patients, for a period of at least three consecutive years during the five years prior to the date of issue of the certificate:
 - (i) *Certificat de competențe profesionale de asistent medical generalist* with post-secondary education obtained from a *școală postliceală*, attesting to training started before 1 January 2007;
 - (ii) *Diplomă de absolvire de asistent medical generalist* with short-time higher education studies, attesting to training started before 1 October 2003; or
 - (iii) *Diplomă de licență de asistent medical generalist* with long-time higher education studies, attesting to training started before 1 October 2003;

- (b) any of the evidence of formal qualification listed in clauses (ii) and (iii) of subparagraph (a), provided that such evidence is accompanied by the following evidence of formal qualification obtained on the basis of a special upgrading programme:

Diplomă de licență referred to in Article 3(2) of Joint Order of the Minister of National Education and of the Minister of Health No 4317/943/2014 of 11 August 2014 on the approval of the special upgrading programme for the initial training of nurse responsible for general care acquired prior to 1 January 2007 for graduates of post-secondary education and higher education (Official Journal of Romania No 624 of 26 August 2014), accompanied by a Diploma Supplement stating that the student has completed the special upgrading programme; or

- (c) any of the evidence of formal qualifications of post-secondary level listed under Article 4 of Order of the Minister of National Education No 5114/2014 on the approval of the methodology for organising, conducting and completing the special upgrading programme for the initial training of nurse responsible for general care acquired prior to 1 January 2007 for graduates of post-secondary education (Official Journal of Romania No 5 of 6 January 2015), provided that such evidence is accompanied by the following evidence of formal qualification obtained on the basis of a special upgrading programme:

Certificat de revalorizare a competențelor profesionale referred to in Article 3(1) and in Annex 3 to Joint Order

of the Minister of National Education and of the Minister of Health No 4317/943/2014 and in Article 16 of Order of the Minister of National Education No 5114/2014.

(4) The competent authority in the State for general nurses shall recognise the Romanian qualification as a nurse responsible for general care pursuant to Articles 10 to 14 of the Directive where such qualification was granted before 3 March 2024 in the case of nationals of Member States who were trained as a nurse responsible for general care in Romania and did not meet the requirements of -

- (a) Article 33a of the Directive in the version in force on 1 January 2007, or
- (b) Article 33a of the Directive, as amended by Directive 2013/55/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council¹¹.”.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
29 April, 2025.

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Innovation and Science.

¹¹ OJ No. L. 354, 28.12.2013, p. 132.

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