
Committee Stage: Tuesday 18 January 2022

Professional Qualifications Bill [Lords] (Committee Stage Decisions)

This document sets out the fate of each clause, schedule, amendment and new clause considered at committee stage. A glossary with key terms can be found at the end of this document.

Paul Scully

That—

1. the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 18 January) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 18 January;
 - (b) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 20 January;
2. the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Thursday 20 January.

Paul Scully

Agreed to

That, he has given notice of his intention to make a motion in the terms of the Resolution of the Programming Sub-Committee (Standing Order No. 83C)

Paul Scully

Agreed to

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Bill Esterson
Chi Onwurah

Negatived on division 2

Clause 2, page 3, line 2, at end insert—

“(2A) In determining whether the condition in subsection (2) is met, the appropriate national authority must have regard to the availability of professional services in the regulated profession by reference to such factors as appear to the authority to be relevant including, but not limited to—

- (a) the extent of delays in accessing professional services,
- (b) the level of charges for services,
- (c) available workforce data, skills needs or workforce modelling forecasts,
- (d) vacancy levels or recruitment difficulties,
- (e) whether the profession is on the occupation shortage list, and
- (f) the views of the relevant regulator and of professional representative bodies.”

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 8 agreed to.

Bill Esterson
Chi Onwurah

Negatived on division 3

Clause 9, page 8, line 12, at end insert—

- “(6) Nothing in this section affects the establishment or operation of a common framework agreement relating to professional qualifications.
- (7) A “common framework agreement” is any agreement between a Minister of the Crown and one or more devolved authorities as to how devolved or transferred matters previously governed by EU law are to be regulated.”

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 13 agreed to.

Bill Esterson
Chi Onwurah

Negated on division **4**

Clause 14, page 11, line 13, at end insert—

- “(6) Subsections (7) to (9) apply where the Secretary of State makes regulations as the appropriate national authority under this Act which extend to the whole of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (7) Before making such regulations, the Secretary of State must—
- (a) consult such persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate, and
 - (b) following that consultation, seek the consent of the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers and a Northern Ireland department.
- (8) If consent to regulations is not given by a relevant authority set out in subsection (7)(b) within the period of one month beginning with the day on which consent is sought from that authority, the Secretary of State may make the regulations without that consent.
- (9) If regulations are made in reliance on subsection (8), the Secretary of State must publish a statement explaining why the Secretary of State decided to make the regulations without the consent of the relevant authority.”

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 20 agreed to.

Paul Scully

Agreed to **1**

Clause 21, page 15, line 11, leave out subsection (2)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill Esterson
Chi Onwurah

Not called **NC1**

To move the following Clause—

“Advice for regulators concerning mutual recognition

The Secretary of State must provide additional support, co-ordination and guidance to regulators under the Act on how to make the most of

the provisions in the EU-UK Trade and Co-operation Agreement signed on 30 December 2020.”

Bill Esterson
Chi Onwurah

Negatived on division NC2

To move the following Clause—

“Skills shortages reporting

In relation to any regulated profession falling under the provisions of this Act, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament an annual report detailing any workforce shortages, including what measures are being taken to resolve the shortages.”

Bill Esterson
Chi Onwurah

Negatived on division NC3

To move the following Clause—

“Protection for existing recognised qualifications

Nothing in this Act prevents, qualifies or otherwise affects the ability of those with existing recognised qualifications to continue practising the profession to which the qualifications relate in the United Kingdom or any part of the United Kingdom.”

Bill Esterson
Chi Onwurah

Withdrawn after debate NC4

To move the following Clause—

“List of current regulators

The Secretary of State must maintain a list of current regulators of regulated professions and must publish that list on the Government’s website.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Glossary

Added: New Clause agreed without a vote and added to the Bill.

Agreed to: agreed without a vote.

Agreed to on division: agreed following a vote.

Negated: rejected without a vote.

Negated on division: rejected following a vote.

Not called: debated in a group of amendments, but not put to a decision.

Not moved: not debated or put to a decision.

Question proposed: debate underway but not concluded.

Withdrawn after debate: moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.

Not selected: not chosen for debate by the Chair.
