

From: The Minister

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Via email: scottish.ministers@gov.scot

Dear Jenny,

**The Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications)
Order 2025**

I refer to my previous letter dated 13 January 2025 on this subject, in which I noted the intention of the Scottish Government to establish a new qualifications body, known as Qualifications Scotland, and to establish the office of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland

I understand that this proposed Order will constitute a legislative vehicle for the Department for Work and Pensions to implement necessary consequential amendments, including in relation to Northern Ireland child maintenance and social security legislation.

I note that there will be some legislative amendments to subordinate legislation under the remit of my Department. My officials have indicated that there are a relatively small number of Northern Ireland regulations that will require amendment to substitute references to "Scottish Qualifications Authority" with "Qualifications Scotland" to reflect the changes being made your Government.

I am happy to confirm that I am content to agree to this Order being taken forward. I would like to commend the teamwork and collaboration that has taken place between officials from our respective Departments.

I am copying this letter to Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, Ian Murray MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Lynne Neagle MS, Cabinet Secretary for Education, Welsh Government and the Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Education, Children and Young People Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Lyons', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities