

Memorandum of Understanding

between

the Government of Ireland

and

the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

concerning the Common Travel Area and Shared Understanding on Education

4.2 Under the CTA, the Participants are committed to the following principles:

- (a) Maintaining the reciprocal rights of Irish and British citizens to access early-years entitlements in each other's state including, on the island of Ireland, on a cross border basis;
- (b) Maintaining the reciprocal rights of Irish and British citizens to school education in each other's state including, on the island of Ireland, on a cross border basis;
- (c) Maintaining the reciprocal rights of Irish and British citizens to special education needs provision in each other's state including, on the island of Ireland, on a cross border basis. The Participants note that such rights assist in supporting the provision of services on the island of Ireland through the Middletown Centre for Autism;
- (d) Maintaining the reciprocal rights of Irish and British citizens to access vocational education and training courses (including, further education and training for students aged 16 to 19 and aged 19 and over, and apprenticeships) in each other's state on terms no less favourable than for citizens of that state, including, on the island of Ireland, on a cross border basis, under the relevant applicable schemes and eligibility conditions;
- (e) Maintaining reciprocal rights of Irish and British citizens to access courses in higher education institutions in each other's state on terms no less favourable than for citizens of that state, including, on the island of Ireland, on a cross border basis;
- (f) Maintaining the reciprocal rights of Irish and British citizens pursuing further and higher education courses in each other's state to qualify for student support under the relevant applicable schemes and eligibility conditions; and
- (g) Maintaining the longstanding practice of enabling appropriately qualified Irish and British citizens to take up employment within the education sectors of the respective states or to apply for and receive recognition for their academic

6.2 The foregoing record represents the common understanding of the Participants upon the matters referred to therein. It is not of itself intended to create legally binding obligations.

6.3 Signed in triplicate at Dublin on 14 July 2021.

For the Government of Ireland

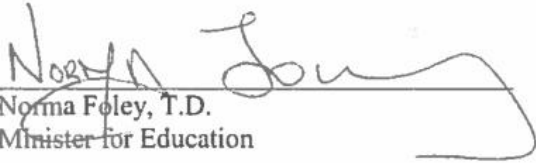


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