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# THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

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| **TITLE**  | **The Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) Order 2018** |
| **DATE**  | **19 June 2018** |
| **BY** | **Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM, First Minister of Wales** |

The Wales Act 2017 (the Act) received Royal Assent on 31 January 2017, with most of its provisions coming into effect on the Principal Appointed Day, 1 April 2018. The Act forms the basis of a package of reforms to Wales’ constitutional settlement, which also includes a transfer to the Welsh Ministers of a number of functions that currently sit with UK Ministers, in part as a consequence of the devolution of legislative competence in the Act.

The Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) Order 2018 was made on 23 May 2018, and came into force on 24 May 2018. The Order

* transfers functions from Ministers of the Crown to Welsh Government Ministers that fall within legislative competence as a result of the Wales Act 2017;
* transfers functions from Ministers of the Crown to Welsh Government Ministers that are already within competence, but have not previously been transferred; and
* transfers functions in Part I of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

The Transfer of Functions Order represents an important step forward towards aligning the legislative competence of the Assembly with the executive competence of the Welsh Ministers. The Order transfers to the Welsh Ministers functions in Part I of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, functions relating to Teachers’ Pay and Conditions, and to Elections, as well as a number of other functions.

The Order is available at this link:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/644/pdfs/uksi_20180644_en.pdf>