

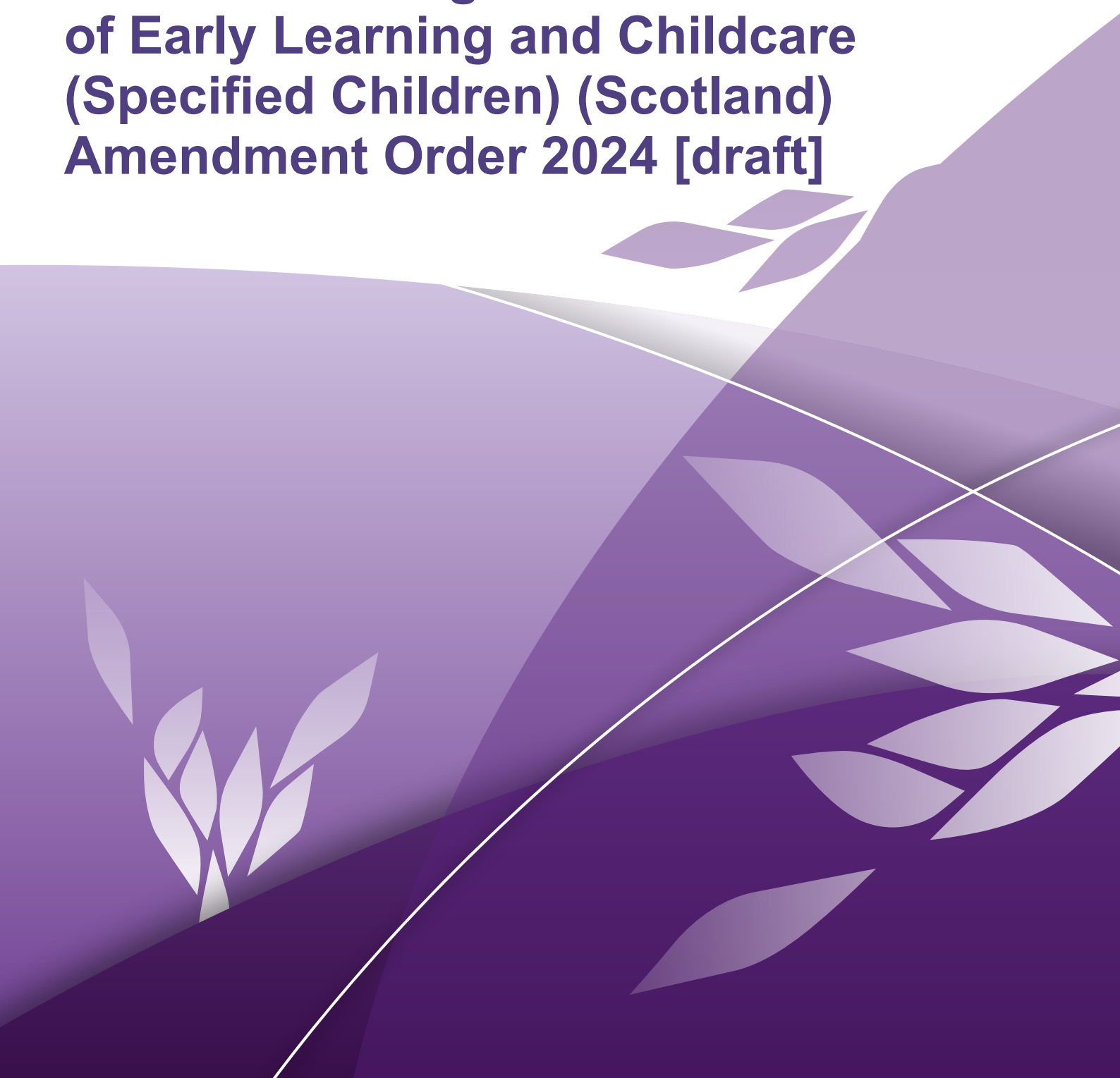


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Introduction

1. At its meeting on 7 February 2024, the Education, Children and Young People Committee considered subordinate legislation which is subject to the affirmative procedure.
2. The [minutes](#) of the meeting have been published. The [Official Report](#) of the meeting has also been published.

The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft]

3. [The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare \(Specified Children\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \[draft\]](#) was laid before Parliament on 24th January 2024 and, if agreed, will come into force on 1 April 2024.
4. The purpose of Instrument is to amend the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) Order 2014 ('the 2014 Order') to protect eligibility for 2-year-old children who qualify for access to funded Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) due to their parents' receipt of Working Tax Credits and Child Tax Credits or Universal Credit.
5. A draft policy note published to accompany the regulations can be accessed [here](#)
6. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered the regulations at its meeting on the 30th January 2024. That Committee published its [report](#) on 30 January 2024 and agreed that no points arose.
7. At its meeting on the 7th February 2024, the Committee took evidence on the regulations from Natalie Don MSP, Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise and Joanna Mackenzie, Team Leader, Targeted Children and Family Well-being, Scottish Government.
8. Natalie Don MSP, Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise moved motion [S6M-11977](#) - That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The Committee agreed motion S6M-11977 unanimously.

