

Appointment of Governors - Qualifications and Disqualifications for LA Maintained Schools

Please read the following list of disqualifications and qualifications for being a governor. If you are eligible, complete the governor appointment form and sign it to confirm your eligibility. If you are **not** eligible, you are unable to be considered for appointment/election as a governor.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered pupils of the school cannot be governors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of election or appointment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A person cannot hold more than one governor post at the same school at the same time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elected members of the LA cannot be a parent governor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A person is disqualified from being a <u>parent governor</u> if they are staff, who are paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive twelve month period (at the time of election or appointment)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A person is disqualified from being a <u>local authority governor</u> if they are eligible to be a staff governor at the school
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office if that person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order, debt relief restrictions order, an interim debt relief restrictions order or their estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced is subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, or an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order) ▫ has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of any body ▫ is included in the list of teachers or workers considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people ▫ is barred from any regulated activity relating to children ▫ is subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 ▫ is disqualified from working with children or from registering for child-minding or providing day care

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ is disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ has been sentenced to three months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ has received a prison sentence of two years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ refuses a request by the clerk to make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for a DBS check

Failure to attend meetings

If you fail to attend meetings, without the consent of the governing body, for a continuous period of six months you are disqualified from continuing to hold office as a governor at that school. This does not apply to the headteacher or to foundation governors appointed by virtue of their office. If you have been disqualified for failure to attend meetings as a foundation, LA or co-opted governor, you cannot be appointed as a governor for twelve months from the date of disqualification.

Notification to Clerk

You must notify the clerk if you are disqualified from holding, or from continuing to hold, office as a governor of the school.

More information

Details of the above restrictions may be found in The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012.