

DISQUALIFICATIONS

If any of these apply then you cannot be a school governor.

A Governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of their election or appointment. There is no upper age limit for serving as a governor. A person cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- fails to attend the governing body meetings – without the consent of the governing body – for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed (not applicable to ex officio governors);
- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order or an interim order, debt relief restrictions order, an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- has had their estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- is subject to:
 1. a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986
 2. a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989
 3. a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 4. an order made under Section 492(2) (b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a County Court administration order);
- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under Section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from participating 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;
- Is disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the secretary of State;
- 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;
- has received a prison sentence of two years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;
- 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;
- refuses to allow an application to the Disclosure and Barring service (DBS) for a criminal records certificate.

A person is also disqualified from election or appointment as a parent governor of a school if they:

- are an elected member of the Local Authority (a Councillor).
- work at the school for more than 500 hours (i.e. for more than one third of the hours of a full time equivalent) in a school year (at the time of election or appointment).