

Eligibility Criteria:

Are you eligible to become a school governor?

Not everyone is eligible to become a school governor, people are disqualified if they have been:

- Included in the list kept under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1999 (list of those considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children).
- Subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of EA 2002 (or any other disqualification, prohibition or restriction which takes effect as if contained in such a direction).
- Barred from regulated activity relating to children in accordance with section 3(2) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.
- Disqualified from working with children under sections 28, 29 or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000.
- Disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding or providing day care.
- Disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006.
- Sentenced to 3 months or more in prison, without the option of a fine, in the last five year.
- Sentenced to 2½ years or more in prison in the last 20 years.
- Sentenced to 5 years or more in prison, at any time.
- Fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises in the last 5 years.

People are also disqualified if they are:

- Under 18 years of age.
- Fail to attend meetings for a continuous period of six months without the consent of the governing body.
- Bankrupt or disqualified under the Company Directors Act 1986 or an Order made under Section 429(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- Disqualified as a company director.
- Disqualified as a charity trustee.
- Refuse to make an application for a criminal records certificate.

Where can I get more information?

If you are not sure whether you are disqualified from applying to become a school governor, please contact NPW Governor Services on 020 8249 6932 or email Irfan.Mustafa@npw.so