
Governor qualification and disqualification criteria

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of their election or appointment and cannot be a registered pupil at the school.

A person cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

We would recommend that as part of any appointment process governors read the criteria and confirm that they are not disqualified from serving as a school governor because of these criteria.

Disqualification and qualification criteria (word)* April 2018

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Safeguarding

All governors are now required to apply for an enhanced DBS check.

An enhanced DBS check searches the police national computer for spent and unspent convictions, cautions, reprimands etc including information held by local police that is considered relevant to the position being applied for (of school governor in this instance).

The regulations specifically state:

1. By 1 September 2016, all maintained school governing bodies to apply for an enhanced criminal records certificate for any serving governor who does not have one; and
2. From 1 April 2016, all maintained school governing boards to apply for an enhanced criminal records certificate for any newly appointed governor within 21 days of appointment.

From September 2018 all new governors will need a section 128 check (news item November 2018). We are recommending this is completed for all governors

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