

Qualification and disqualification to serve as a school governor

A person is disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a governor of a school at any time when they:

- Are a registered pupil at the school
- Are under 18 years old
- Fail to attend their meetings for a continuous period of 6 months, without the consent of the governing board
 - This applies to all governors except ex-officio governors, such as the headteacher
 - If you're struggling with governor attendance read how to [effectively manage the non-attendance of governors](#)
- Are the subject of:
 - A bankruptcy restrictions order, or an interim bankruptcy restrictions order
 - A debt relief restrictions order, or an interim debt relief restrictions order
 - A sequestration that has not been discharged, annulled or reduced
- Have been disqualified from being a company director
- Have been disqualified from being a charity trustee
- Have been removed from office as an elected governor within the last 5 years
- Are included in the list of those unsuitable to work with children
- Are disqualified from working with children, barred from regulated activity and/or disqualified from registering for childminding or providing day care
- Are disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006
- Are subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the Education Act 2002, or to a [section 128](#) direction
- Are disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State
- Have been sentenced to 3 months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor
- Have received a prison sentence of 2 and a half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor
- Have at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more
- Have been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school or educational premises in the 5 years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor
- Refuse a request by the clerk to make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)