



TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

In accordance with the Statutory Instruments of Government, you are not eligible for office if:

- a) You have been removed from office as a member of a further education corporation in the previous ten years.
- b) You have been adjudged bankrupt, are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order or a bankruptcy restrictions undertaking within the meaning of the Insolvency Act 1986, have made a composition, or have made an arrangement with your creditors, including an Individual voluntary Arrangement (IVA). In the first four cases, ineligibility continues until the bankruptcy order is annulled or discharged, or the bankruptcy restrictions order is rescinded by the court, or discharged by the court of an interim bankruptcy order or annulment of the bankruptcy restrictions undertaking. In the case of a composition or arrangement with creditors, including IVA, where payment is made in full, disqualification shall cease on the date on which the payment is completed and in any other case it shall cease on the expiration of three years from the date on which the terms of the deed of composition, arrangement or IVA are fulfilled.
- c)
 - (i) You have been convicted within the previous five years, in the UK or elsewhere, of any offence and have had passed on you a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
 - (ii) within the previous twenty years you have been convicted as set out in sub-paragraph (i) and have received a sentence of imprisonment, whether suspended or not, for a period of more than two and a half years; or
 - (iii) you have at any time been convicted as set out in sub-paragraph (i) and have received a sentence of imprisonment whether suspended or not, of more than five years.

For the purpose of this clause there shall be disregarded any conviction by or before a court outside the UK for an offence in respect of conduct which, if it had taken place in the UK, would not have constituted an offence under the law then in force anywhere in the UK.

Peter Symonds College is an exempt charity and as such, governors should also conform to Charity Commission Guidelines on eligibility. A person is not eligible to be a governor if they have certain unspent convictions or are legally disqualified for one or the reasons below

1. Unspent convictions for:

- a. An offence involving dishonesty or deception
- b. Specified terrorism offences
- c. Specified money laundering offences
- d. Specified bribery offences
- e. The offence of contravening a Charity Commission or Direction
- f. Offences of misconduct in public office, perjury, or preventing the course of justice
- g. Aiding, attempting or abetting the above offences

2. Legal disqualifying reasons:

- a. Being on the sex offenders register
- b. Unspent sanction for contempt of Court
- c. Disobeying a Commission Order
- d. Being a designated person (under specific anti-terrorist legislation)
- e. Being a person who has been removed from a relevant office (e.g. charity trustee, agent or employee)
- f. Director of disqualification

The Commission on Standards in Public Life has underlined the importance of the undertaking included in our own Code of Conduct for Governors. This provides that *“you must declare openly any personal conflict of interest arising from a matter before the Governors or from any aspect of governorship”*.

Please sign and return the acknowledgement below.

Thank you

Hilary Walsh
Clerk to the Governors

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I am not aware of any grounds on which I am not eligible for office as a Governor of the College.

I will not benefit financially in connection with any college business, nor from the position as a Governor and I will declare any conflict of interest should occasion arise.

Signed

Name:

Date:

