

Under [section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972](#), a person is disqualified from standing as a candidate or being a member of a parish council, if:

- You are employed by the parish council or hold a paid office under the parish council (including joint boards or committees).[1](#) More information is set out in our guidance [Working for a parish council](#)
- You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.[2](#) More information is set out in our guidance [Bankruptcy restrictions or interim order section](#).
- You have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before polling day[3](#) and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or applications in respect of the conviction has passed. A person who is in the process of making an appeal or application in relation to the conviction is not disqualified at any time before the end of the day on which the appeal or application is disposed of, abandoned or fails by reason of non-prosecution.[4](#)
- You have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices). The disqualification for an illegal practice begins from the date the person has been reported guilty by an election court or convicted and lasts for three years. The disqualification for a corrupt practice begins from the date a person has been reported guilty by an election court or convicted and lasts for five years[5](#) unless at any time within that period a court determines that the conviction should not be upheld, in which case the disqualification ends at that time.[6](#)
- You are subject to the notification requirement of or under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or application in respect of the order or notification has passed.[7](#) A disqualification set under s.81A of the Local Government Act 1972 will only apply to a person who is subject to any relevant notification requirements or relevant order made on or after 28 June 2022. A person who is in the process of making an appeal or application in relation to the disqualification is not disqualified at any time before the end of the day on which the appeal or application is disposed of, abandoned or fails by reason of non-prosecution.[8](#)
- You have been convicted of an intimidatory criminal offence motivated by hostility towards a candidate, future candidate or campaigner or holder of a relevant elective office.[9](#) The effect of a disqualification order is that the person will be disqualified from standing for, being elected to, and holding any relevant elective office for five years.

The [Local Government \(Disqualification\) Act 2022](#) inserted a new [section 81A](#) into the 1972 Act, which disqualifies a person from being elected to or being a member of a local authority if they are subject to a sexual offences order or notification.