

Parish Councillor Criteria

To be able to stand as a candidate at a parish council election in England you must be :

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 - a. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards
 - b. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election
 - c. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area
 - d. You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election

You cannot stand if you :

- work for the Parish Council
- are bankrupt
- have served a prison sentence, including suspended sentences, of three months or more within five years prior to the election
- have been disqualified under any legislation relating to corrupt or illegal practices

Candidates do not need any specific qualifications.