

The Electoral Commission

Don't lose your right to vote

The next scheduled UK Parliamentary General Election is due to take place on Thursday 7 May 2015 and whilst that may seem far off, there's no harm in thinking now about how; and where you may want to cast your vote.

First things first, you need to actually be on the electoral register. It's now quicker and easier than ever before to register to vote. Earlier this year, as part of the move to Individual Electoral Registration (IER), a new system of online registration was introduced. This means that if you're based in the UK, you can register to vote online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. You will need your date of birth and National Insurance Number to hand for this. Don't worry if you don't have a National Insurance number or are not sure what it is. You can still register without it by contacting your local Electoral Registration Officer directly. You can find their details on our website - www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

When it comes to casting your vote, there are three options. If voting in person at your local polling station is not convenient for you, you can choose to vote by post. Alternatively, you can choose to vote by proxy, which means that if you aren't able to cast your vote in person, you can have someone you trust cast your vote for you. There is plenty of information, and application forms on our ['About my Vote'](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk) website.

Registering to vote allows you to have your say on a whole range of issues - from education to foreign policy. Yet, individuals from Black, Asian, and minority ethnic backgrounds are less likely on the whole to register vote than those who identify as White.

Please do help us spread the word – 'make your voice heard - register to vote' – and encourage those who are not sure about how they can register to visit our website.

For further information please visit:

www.electoralcommission.org.uk

www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

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Public
Appointments



Public Appointment - Vacancies

Member – Care Inspectorate

Within in Scotland - Not further specified

A daily fee of £161 [non pensionable] is payable

The care inspectorate is the improvement and scrutiny regulator in Scotland for social work.

Closing Date 12 December 2014

Member of Scottish Enterprise

Within Scotland - No further specified

£12,581.00 per annum

Scottish Enterprise - Appointment of members to the board appointments for 3 years.

Closing Date: 12 December 2014

President - Scottish Tax Tribunals

City of Edinburgh

Daily Fee basis at the rate of £510 per day

Closing Date: 12 December 2014

Member—Health Care Improvement Scotland

Within Scotland - Not further specified

A daily fee pf £155.54 (non - pensionable) is payable

Healthcare Improvement Scotland Non - executive member appointments.

Closing Date: 19 December 2014

Members - Scottish Police Authority

Within Scotland

Members receive remuneration in the form of a daily allowance of £300 a day.

Scottish Police Authority (SPA) - Member Appointments has governance responsibility for SPA.

Closing Date 16 January 2014

For further information on the application process for all the above vacancies please visit Scottish Government—Public Appointments website:

<http://www.appointed-for-scotland.org/> [click on “search vacancies”]

We encourage applicants to apply for these appointments **online**.

However, if you experience any difficulties with accessing the website please contact the Public Appointments Wellbeing and Diversity (PAWD) on (Freephone) 0800 015 8449 or fax 0131 244 3833 or by email at paapplicationsmailbox@scotland.gsi.gov.uk, or by writing to PAWD, E1 Spur, Saughton House, Broomhouse Road, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD

Business



Transport



Enterprise



Environment



Agriculture



Transport



The right people for the roles

Scotland's public bodies need skills, experience and understanding from every walk of life, so it's essential that there are no barriers to participating. As such, appointments are made on the basis of the skills, knowledge and qualities necessary to fill the role – and nothing else. Whatever the role, applications from everyone are welcome.

Statement from Scottish Ministers

The Scottish Ministers ask that a wide and diverse range of individuals apply for ministerial appointments to public bodies. We appreciate the contribution many people already make to public appointments and are keen to see an increase in applications from those individuals who do not already hold a ministerial public appointment. Public bodies should give early consideration to how they can best attract a diverse range of suitably skilled and able people to their boards.

To find out how the Commissioner for Ethical Standards In Public Life Scotland and the Scottish Government are working together on diversity in public appointments, [you can download the Commissioners strategy document by clicking here.](#)

Diversity key facts – Public appointment rounds 2013-14

- 34% of our applications came from women, and 36.1% of those appointed.
- 25.5% of our applicants were under 50, but only 20.5% of appointees.
- 11.9% of our applicants were disabled but only 9.8% were appointed.
- 3.3% of applicants came from a minority ethnic background, with 2.5% being appointed.
- 2.9% of applicants were gay, lesbian or bisexual, with 4.1% appointed.
- 3.3% of applicants had a religion other than Christian, and 3.3% were appointed.

How to apply

The application process can differ from organisation to organisation, but it will generally involve an initial application form, which is assessed against the criteria for the role to create a short-list. Short-listed candidates are then interviewed, usually by a panel of three people. The final decision about who to appoint is made by the Scottish Minister responsible for the public body, based on the panel's assessments.





Appointment of New Chair

Care and Repair Scotland

Closing date: 05/12/2014

Location: Glasgow

Care and Repair Scotland provides national coordination and support for stakeholders in Scotland. Our current Chair is standing down after serving four years. We are looking for someone new to lead the Board of Trustees. Can you assist in providing strategic direction and experience to develop the organisation?

Application notes:

If you want to influence our future direction, please request an information pack by mail or by email to the addresses below. For an informal conversation, please telephone Robert Thomson on 0141 221 9879.

Closing dates for applications will be Friday 5th December 2014

Care & Repair Forum Scotland Ltd
135 Buchanan Street
Suite 2.5
Glasgow G1 2JA

Tel: 0141 221 9879 thomson.robert@btconnect.com

For more information please go to:

<http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/Search/Home/Search?SortBy=&Keyword=voluntary&RoleID=13&SectorID=&RegionID=&StatusID=&MinimumSalary=0>

Watch this Space

Justice of Peace for the Sherriffdom of North Strathclyde

CEMVO Scotland will be assisting the Scottish Government in promoting JP recruitment for the sherriffdom of North Strathclyde. The aim is to encourage more applications from all ethnic minority groups living in the target area which is North Strathclyde.

CEMVO will be sending out information when the advertisement is published. However in the meantime if you are interested in applying please contact CEMVO and register your interest. The Scottish Ministers welcome applications from groups currently under-represented within the Scottish judiciary, such as women, disabled people, ethnic minorities and people under age 50'. The Cabinet Secretary for Justice always takes a keen interest to ensure people from ethnic minorities are encouraged to apply for Justice of Peace appointments.

If you would like any further information pertaining to the content of this bulletin please contact:

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