

Moulsoe Parish Council

Councillor eligibility requirements

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

- be at least 18 years old¹
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights²
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 - You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.³
More information is set out in the Electoral Commission guidance 'Being a registered local government elector'.
 - You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.⁴
More information is set out in the Electoral Commission guidance 'Occupying as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the local authority area'.
 - 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 area.⁵
More information is set out in the Electoral Commission guidance 'Your main or only place of work is in the local authority area'.
 - You have lived in the parish 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.⁶
More information is set out in the Electoral Commission guidance 'Living in the parish area (or within three miles of it)'.

When completing your home address form and consent to nomination form you will be asked to indicate which qualifications you meet. You should indicate on the forms all those qualifications that apply to you.

Meaning of an eligible commonwealth citizen

An eligible Commonwealth citizen is a Commonwealth citizen who either:

- does not need leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, or
- has indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom

Meaning of qualifying EU citizens

A qualifying EU citizen is a citizen of a country:

- that has a bilateral Voting and Candidacy Rights (VCR) treaty with the UK
- is resident in the UK
- with any form of leave to remain, or does not require such leave

¹ Section 79(1), Local Government Act 1972 (LGA 1972)

² s.79(1), LGA 1972

³ Section 79 (1)(a), LGA 1972

⁴ Section 79 (1)(b), LGA 1972

⁵ Section 79 (1)(c), LGA 1972

⁶ Section 79 (1)(e), LGA 1972