



**General Teaching Council
for Northern Ireland**
Promoting Teacher Professionalism

Notice of Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (Constitution) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001, and the Scheme for Election of Teachers to the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland an election is to be held for teacher representatives to serve on the Council for the period of four years from the 15th October 2019.

Fourteen teachers are to be elected to the Council as follows

Election Category	Number to be Elected
Teacher (whether or not a principal) in a nursery school	1
Teacher (whether or not a principal) in a special school	1
Teachers in primary education who are not principals	5
Teachers in post-primary education who are not principals	5
Principal in primary education	1
Principal in post-primary education	1

For the purpose of the election, the Council will compile an electoral roll with a qualifying date of 25 April 2019 comprising the names, addresses and proposed election categories of all teachers for whom it has a record (other than teachers disqualified from voting under Regulation 4(2) of the Constitution Regulations) [See Annex].

The Independent Scrutineer, appointed to organise the election is: **Electoral Reform Services, The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London N8 ONW**. The Independent Scrutineer is responsible for arranging the printing and distribution of this Notice and all ballot material, and for counting the returned ballot papers.

The Returning Officer, appointed to be responsible for the election is: **Electoral Reform Services, The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London N8 ONW**

Nomination papers may be obtained from 26 April 2019 by those wishing to stand as candidates for the election from:

Electoral Reform Services, The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London. N8 ONW

OR

GTCNI (Election). 3-4th Floor Albany House. 73-75 Great Victoria Street, Belfast. BT2 7AF

The nomination papers are also available at www.gtcni.org.uk

When completed, nomination papers must be returned to the **Returning Officer at Election Reform Services, The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London N8 ONW by 5pm on 28 June 2019** together with candidate's photograph and/or election statement of no more than 100 words, if desired.

A copy of the Scheme governing the election may be obtained from Council at Albany House. The Scheme may also be accessed on The General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland website at www.gtcni.org.uk

Electoral Roll

A provisional roll has been compiled and will be revised on the Qualifying Date, 25 April 2019.

Additions, alterations, deletions and amendment to election categories may be made to the provisional roll upon applications received by Council no later than 25 April 2019.

No person may be added to the roll after this date and no person shall be admitted to the roll unless assigned to an election category.

Candidates

To be eligible to stand for election a candidate must not be disqualified by Regulation 4 of the Constitution Regulations [See Annex] but must:

- a) have been employed as a teacher at the date of his/her election (14 October 2019) or have been so employed within one year preceding that date; and
- b) have been employed as a teacher for an aggregate period of two years or more in the five years preceding that date.

A candidate can nominate only in the election category determined by regulation 20 of the Scheme: "the category of a teacher or principal shall be determined by the kind of school or sector of education in which he is or has been employed."

A proposer, a seconder and five attestors, all of whom must be included in the electoral roll and have the same election category as the candidate, shall support the nomination. **This is a legally-binding requirement.** Any person acting as a proposer, a seconder or an attestor of a candidate shall not act in any of these capacities for more than one nomination.

Ballot Paper

Ballot papers and other relevant documentation will be distributed on Monday, 23 September 2019 to all persons in the relevant election categories entitled to vote and shall be returned to the Independent Scrutineer Electoral Reform Services to be received no later than 5pm on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Voters

To be eligible to vote in the election voters must not be disqualified by regulation 4(2) of the Constitution Regulations [See Annex] but must:

- a) have been included in the final electoral roll on 25 April 2019; and
- b) have been assigned an appropriate election category on that date [see category enclosed with this Notice].

The Count

Counts shall be conducted at Electoral Reform Services on Saturday, 12 October 2019.

Result

The result of the election shall be officially declared at Albany House on 14 October 2019 at 3.00pm.

ANNEX

Extract from The General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (Constitution) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001.

PLEASE NOTE: The General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (Constitution) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (SR No. 288) can be viewed in full at:

<http://www.northernireland-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/sr/sr2001/20010288.htm>

Eligibility for election, appointment and to vote in elections

4. (1) A person shall not be eligible as an elected member or as a member appointed under regulation 7(a), or to fill a vacancy for such a member under regulation 9(1), unless-
 - (a) he is employed as a teacher at the date of his election or appointment to the Council or has been so employed within one year preceding that date; and
 - (b) he has been employed as a teacher for an aggregate period of two years or more in the five years preceding his election or appointment to the Council; and for this purpose employment as a teacher includes any period of secondment by arrangement with his employing authority.
- (2) A person shall not be eligible as a member, or to vote in the election for elected members under an electoral scheme under regulation 6, at any time when-
 - (a) his employment as a teacher is prohibited under regulations made under Articles 70(1) and (2)(a) and 134(1)(b) of the 1986 Order;
 - (b) his name has been removed from the register under regulations made under Article 36(3)(f) of the 1998 Order;
 - (c) he is ineligible for registration as a teacher or disqualified from being employed as a teacher under any provision of the law of England, of Wales or of Scotland.

a) Article 70 was substituted by Article 8 of S.I. 1987/167 (N.I. 2) and Article 70(1) was amended by Article 42(2) of S.I. 1993/2810 (N.I. 12)
(b) Article 134(1) was amended by Article 50(1) and Part II of Schedule 4 to S.I. 1993/2810 (N.I. 12)