



Eccleshill Parish Council

Councillor Eligibility

Qualifications

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

- Be at least 18 years old
- 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 rights

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

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.

Currently the UK holds bilateral treaties with the following countries:

Denmark
Poland
Spain

Luxembourg
Portugal

Meaning of EU citizens with retained rights

An EU citizen has retained rights if:

- they are a citizen of a country which does not have a bilateral Voting and Candidacy Rights (VCR) treaty with the UK
- and they have been legally resident in the UK since before the UK left the EU on 31/12/2020 (the Implementation Period Completion Date – IPCD)

The member states of the European Union which do not currently have a bilateral VCR treaty with the UK and are not Commonwealth countries are:

Austria	Hungary
Belgium	Italy
Bulgaria	Latvia
Croatia	Lithuania
Czech Republic	The Netherlands
Estonia	Romania
Finland	Slovakia
France	Slovenia
Germany	Sweden
Greece	