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If the [new automatic disqualification rules](#) affect you, from today (1 February 2018) you can [apply for a waiver](#) from the Charity Commission

The law changes on 1 August 2018. But you can apply for a waiver before then to take up or remain in a trustee or restricted senior manager position.

The new rules add to current regulations that cover automatic disqualification for trustees.

After the 1 August 2018 the rules will also apply to some charity senior manager positions (chief executives and finance directors – and those in equivalent roles).

New reasons for disqualification include being in contempt of court, being named under particular anti-terrorism legislation or being on the sex offenders register.

Our guidance provides all the information about the changes, and whether they affect you or your charity:

If you need to apply for a waiver, you should look at the [criteria we will use to make a decision](#).

We encourage you to apply as soon as possible, ideally by 1 June 2018, to get a decision in good time.