

# What Governors need to know about the EWC

## The Education Workforce Council (EWC) is the independent, professional regulator for the education workforce in Wales.

We register and regulate teachers and learning support staff in school and further education settings, qualified youth and youth support workers, and work-based learning practitioners. It is important for you as a governor to be aware of the specific legal requirements on your school/college and its registrants.

### Registration

It is a legal requirement, on both the employer and the individual, that the individual is registered in the correct category of registration before they undertake any work (e.g. school teacher, teaching assistant). Your school/college should check [their staff are registered using their access to the register](#).

### Regulation

In addition to registering the education workforce, we're also responsible for regulating it. We do this through our [fitness to practise](#) work.

### Employer referrals

If an employer dismisses a registrant, or if a registrant leaves their employment (e.g. resigns or enters into a settlement agreement), but had they not done so, they might have been dismissed, the employer has a legal duty to tell us. More information on the referrals process, and the obligations on employers, can be found on the [EWC website](#).

### Code of Professional Conduct and Practice

The EWC has a statutory requirement to publish a [Code of Professional Conduct and Practice](#). This sets out the key principles of good conduct and practice registrants are expected to comply with. It is intended to inform, support, and guide them. Failing to comply with the principles in the Code can call into question a registrant's ability to continue to practise. It is essential that your school/college regularly reminds all registrants of their obligations in the Code.

## Guidance, resources, and professional services

We provide a suite of professional services to support our registrants and wider stakeholders (including governors). We encourage you, and the staff in your school/college, to make the most of this offer which includes [training and workshops](#), a suite of [good practice guides](#), [posters highlighting the Code](#), [professional development events](#), and the [Professional Learning Passport](#).

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