You are automatically disqualified from acting as a trustee if:

1. You have an **unspent** conviction for any of the following
2. an offence involving **deception or dishonesty**
3. a **terrorism** offence
   1. to which Part 4 of the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 applies
   2. under sections 13 or 19 of the Terrorism Act 2000
4. a **money laundering** offence within the meaning of section 415 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
5. a **bribery** offence under sections 1, 2, 6 or 7 of the Bribery Act 2010
6. an offence of **contravening a Commission Order or Direction** under section 77 of the Charities Act 2011
7. an offence of **misconduct in public office, perjury** or **perverting the course of justice** yes/no
8. In relation to the above offences, an offence of: attempt, conspiracy, or incitement to commit the offence; aiding, or abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of the offence; or, under Part 2 of the Serious Crime Act 2007(encouraging or assisting)in relation to the offence
9. You are **on the sex offenders register** (ie. subject to notification requirements of Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003)
10. You have an unspent sanction for **contempt of court** for making, or causing to be made, a false statement or for making , or causing to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth
11. You have been found guilty of **disobedience to an order or direction of the Commission** under section 336(1) of the Charities Act 2011.
12. You are **a designated person** for the purposes of Part 1 of the Terrorist Asset-Freezing etc. Act 2010, or the Al Qaida (Asset Freezing) Regulations 2011.
13. You have **previously been removed as an officer, agent or employee of a charity** by the Charity Commission, the Scottish charity regulator, or the High Court due to misconduct or mismanagement
14. You have **previously been removed as a trustee** of a charity by the Charity Commission, the Scottish charity regulator, or the High Court due to misconduct or mismanagement
15. You have been **removed** **from management or control of anybody** under section s34(5)(e) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (**Scotland**) Act 2005 (or earlier legislation)
16. You are **disqualified from being a company director,** or have given a disqualification undertaking, and leave has not been granted (as described in section 180 of the Charities Act) for you to act as director of the charity
17. You are **currently declared bankrupt** (or subject to bankruptcy restrictions or an interim order)
18. You **have an individual voluntary arrangement** (IVA) to pay off debts with creditors
19. You are **subject to** a moratorium period under **a debt relief order**, or a debt relief restrictions order, or an interim order
20. You are subject to an order made under s.429(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986. (**Failure to pay under a County Court Administration Order.**)

**Checking official registers**

Charities can make use of official registers which record the names of people who are disqualified from acting as charity trustees. These include:

The Individual Insolvency Register maintained by the Insolvency Service, which contains details of:

* bankruptcies that are either current or have ended in the last 3 months
* current individual voluntary arrangements and fast track voluntary arrangements
* current bankruptcy restriction orders and undertakings

Searches of the Register can be made on the [Insolvency Service website](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/insolvency-service), by visiting your local Official Receiver’s office, or by post or fax.

The register of disqualified directors maintained by Companies House. Searches of the register can be made on the [Companies House website](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house).

The [register of all persons who have been removed as a charity trustee](http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/trusteeregister/search.aspx?RegisteredCharityNumber=&CurrentLanguage=English&SubsidiaryNumber=&=DocType&) either by the commission or by an Order of the High Court since 1 February 1993.