

COMMON COUNCIL VACANCY

GUIDANCE TO QUALIFICATION

1. To qualify for the office of Common Councilman a person must at the date of nomination, and at the date of election, be:
 - Aged 18 years or over
 - A British subject, or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or a citizen of another member state of the European Union

and must either
2. (a) be registered on the City of London Ward Lists¹, **or**
 - (b) own freehold or leasehold land in the City (*if the land is leasehold and is held on a joint tenancy, the maximum number of joint tenants who can qualify is four*) **or**
 - (c) have resided in the City for 12 months preceding the date of nomination, and intends to reside here until the date of election
3. Not be disqualified for any other reason, for example, by reason of bankruptcy or on conviction of fraud or any crime for which a prison sentence has been imposed.
4. A person must also be a Freeman of the City of London, this can be granted quickly for potential candidates²

¹ The Ward Lists is the register used for elections of Common Councilmen and Alderman in the City of London. Registration for the lists occurs annually during the autumn and during this time, residents, sole traders, equity partners in firms and nominated voters from other organisations who are physically located in the City can register (if eligible) by completing a form. The Lists are published on 16th February annually and are valid for one year. If you are not currently registered on the Lists, or want to check an entry, please contact the Electoral Services Office on 0800 587 5537.

² For more information on becoming a Freeman of the City of London, please contact the Chamberlains' Court on 020 7332 3055 or visit http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/leisure_heritage/freedom_of_city/