Childcare Disqualification Regulations disclosure

Entrants to Primary ITT and Early Years Teacher Status Graduate Entry Maintained (GEM) programmes (including existing students who entered the programme prior to September 2015) are now subject to appropriate checks with regard to the childcare disqualification requirements.

The Institute is responsible for ensuring that anyone who falls within the relevant categories is made aware of the legislation, including that they may be disqualified ‘by association’ under regulation 9 of the 2009 Regulations where they live in the same household as a disqualified person or in a household in which a disqualified person is employed.

Therefore, we would be very grateful if you would complete this form to confirm in writing that neither you or, as far as you are aware, any member of your household are disqualified or to confirm if you or a member of your household is disqualified.

If you or any member of your household is disqualified, you will either need a waiver from OFSTED or the location or nature of your training should be changed so you are no longer covered by the disqualification regulations.

The criteria for disqualification are:

- Inclusion in a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Children’s Barred List
- Being found to have committed certain violent and sexual criminal offences against children and adults which are referred to in regulation 4 and Schedules 2 and 3 of the 2009 Regulations (note that regulation 4 also refers to offences that are listed in other pieces of legislation)
- Certain orders made in relation to the care of children which are referred to in regulation 4 and listed at Schedule 1 of the 2009 Regulations
- Refusal or cancellation of registration relating to childcare, or children’s homes, or being prohibited from private fostering, as specified in Schedule 1 of the 2009 Regulations
- Living in the same household where another person who is disqualified lives or is employed (disqualification ‘by association’) as specified in regulation 9 of the 2009 Regulations
- Being found to have committed an offence overseas which would constitute an offence regarding disqualification under the 2009 Regulations if it had been done in any part of the United Kingdom

The disqualification by association criteria relates to people living in the same household as a trainee. The accepted definition of a ‘household’ is:

- One person or a group of people who have the accommodation as their only or main residence and (for a group): either share at least one meal a day; or share the living accommodation (that is, a living room or sitting room).
- The occupant(s) of a bedsit who do not share a sitting or living room with anyone else comprise a single household.

Please see the Department for Education guidance for further information including a list of the relevant offences that lead to the disqualification of an individual (including ‘by association’):
Childcare Disqualification Regulations disclosure declaration

Name ___________________________________________________________(name in capitals)

Programme ________________________________ GTTR/UCAS/Applicant No: __________

1 I, ____________________________________________, confirm that:

a [ ] Neither I nor a member of my household is disqualified
or
b [ ] I or a member of my household is disqualified.

2 I understand that, if I or a member of my household is disqualified, I will either need a waiver from OFSTED or the location or nature of my training should be changed so that I am no longer covered by the disqualification regulations.

3 I understand that I must inform the Institute if I or a member of my household becomes disqualified at any time either before or during my programme of study.

4 I understand that failure to disclose if I or a member of my household is disqualified may result in disciplinary action.

Signature: ________________________________________________ Date: _______________________

If you or a member of your household is disqualified:

1 I, ____________________________________________, confirm that I will proceed through the following course of action:

a [ ] I have reviewed the department for education guidance (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disqualification-under-the-childcare-act-2006) and the Ofsted guidance (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/applying-to-waive-disqualification-early-years-and-childcare-providers) and will apply to waive my disqualification. I understand that I must provide evidence that I have received a waiver from Ofsted before the start of the programme in order to meet the entry requirements for the programme.

or

b [ ] I have reviewed the department for education guidance (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disqualification-under-the-childcare-act-2006) and I request that the University considers changing the location or nature of my training so that I am no longer covered by the disqualification regulations. I will provide details of how this might be done and why I feel that this is an appropriate course of action including why I have not applied for a waiver. I understand and agree that my placement schools will be informed about the restrictions on my activities.

Please provide further information on a separate sheet.

Please note that, while the University will consider your request, this may not be possible.

or

c [ ] Neither of the above are available options and I understand that I have not meet the entry requirements for the programme.

Please bring complete and return this form to: teachertraining@reading.ac.uk (Primary PGCE & School Direct) or ugadmissions@reading.ac.uk (BA Primary Education)