
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015

PART 3

Registered persons

Fitness of manager

28.—(1) A person may only manage a children's home if—

- (a) the person is of integrity and good character;
- (b) having regard to the size of the home, its statement of purpose, and the number and needs (including any needs arising from any disability) of the children—
 - (i) the person has the appropriate experience, qualification and skills to manage the home effectively and lead the care of children; and
 - (ii) the person is physically and mentally fit to manage the home; and
- (c) full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the person in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b)(i), a person has the appropriate experience and qualification if the person has—

- (a) within the last 5 years, worked for at least 2 years in a position relevant to the residential care of children;
- (b) worked for at least one year in a role requiring the supervision and management of staff working in a care role; and
- (c) by the relevant date, attained—
 - (i) the Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management for Residential Childcare (England) (“the Level 5 Diploma”); or
 - (ii) a qualification which the registered provider considers to be equivalent to the Level 5 Diploma.

(3) The relevant date is—

- (a) in the case of a person who starts managing a home after 1st April 2014, the date which falls 3 years after the date on which that person started managing a home; or
- (b) in the case of a person who was managing a home on 1st April 2014, 1st April 2017.

(4) The registered provider may defer the relevant date if the person—

- (a) does not manage, or has not managed, a home for a prolonged period; or
- (b) manages, or has managed, a home on a part-time basis.