

Information regarding Pecuniary Interests

Registration of an interest reduces the risk that any subsequent related decision may be perceived as improper.

Schedule 1 to the school governance regulations, linked says that a relevant person (as defined in section 1 of this article) has a pecuniary interest in a contract or proposed contract if:

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- He/she was nominated or appointed to office by a person with whom the contract was made or is proposed to be made
- He/she is a business partner of a person with whom the contract was made
- He/she has a relative (including a spouse, civil partner or someone living with him/her as if as his/her spouse or civil partner) who, to the knowledge of the relevant person, had, or would be treated as having, such an interest

The Department for Education (DfE) published advice on the regulations in January 2014. Paragraph 26 of the document says:

Governors must declare pecuniary interests and the board should decide whether this represents a conflict such that the governor should withdraw from discussion and/or decision making.

The Academies' Financial Handbook 2015 says that academy trusts must have a register of relevant business and pecuniary interests of their trustees (governors) and members. The register must be published online.

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It also states that the pecuniary and business interests of all local governors of academies within a multi-academy trust (MAT) and of senior staff should be recorded.

The register must include details of:

- Directorships, partnerships and employments with businesses providing goods or services to the trust
- Trusteeships and governorships at other educational institutions or charities, regardless of whether there is a trading relationship


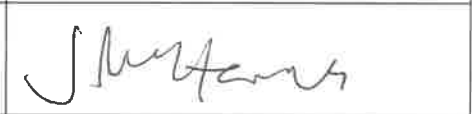




For each interest, the academy trust should record the name of the business, nature of the business, nature of the interest and date it began. The handbook says the register must be kept up to date through regular review.

The above requirements apply to both the trust's copy of the register and the details that the trust publishes online.

The following template is for recording academy governors' pecuniary interests, which must be published on the school website as explained in the Academies Financial Handbook.

If there are no interests to declare it must be documented that a review of business and pecuniary interests has taken place, and that there are none to declare.

**Register of Pecuniary Interests
MAT
2016 – 2017**

Name of Academy Representative	Name of Organisation Nature of business Nature of interest	Other educational establishments governed	Signature
David Pearmain	Schools NorthEast	/	
Jackie McHanwell	Nil	None	
Bob Paton	North East Futures UTC Northern Futures RTC North Limited Hexhamshire Organics Ltd	NORTHUMBRIA COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND	
Rick Portsmouth	Nil	None	
Alan Hordon	Nil	/	
Siobhan O'Neil	Nil	None	ES. O'Neil
Karen Mills	Nil	/	
Tracy Carson	Go North East (husband)	None	T Carson

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