

OSCR Reporter - October 2024

Welcome to the OSCR Reporter newsletter, your regular update of the latest charity sector news from the Scottish Charity Regulator.



OSCR launches new checking facility for charity trustees

Two new changes to charity law contained in the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 came into effect on 1 October 2024. These changes relate to a [charity's connection to Scotland and a public Record of Removed Persons](#).

OSCR's website now has a publicly searchable record of people removed from being concerned in the management and control of a charity. The individuals in this record have been disqualified from serving as charity trustees in Scotland by the Court of Session unless they have a waiver of disqualification. **They must not be appointed as, or serve as, charity trustees.**

Additionally, charities on the Scottish Charity Register must now be able to demonstrate a connection to Scotland when conducting their activities.

[Read more about the changes](#)



There's still time to give us your views on important changes to charity law

Next year, there will be changes to the rules that automatically disqualify someone from undertaking certain functions within a charity.

The Charities Act 2023 will extend the range of offences that disqualify someone, and the rules will also apply to staff or volunteers with a senior management function, not just trustees.

We want to hear your opinions on key aspects of the changes. Your views will help to inform our decision-making process, and will ensure that the changes to charity law are implemented in the most effective way. We have [extended the deadline of our short survey](#) to **Friday 18 October 2024** to give you the opportunity to share your views.

Please complete the short survey



New notices and alerts from OSCR

There are new notices and alerts available to view on the OSCR website. The [OSCR Notices and Alerts](#) page contains more information about the latest the notices, including charities currently reorganising, charities added and removed from the Scottish Charity Register in the past month, and applications for SCIO dissolutions.

Don't forget to sign up for our regular email alert to receive updates straight to your inbox when new notices are available.

[See the notices and alerts here](#)

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