

Houses of Parliament

Standards Committee – New members wanted

The [Committee on Standards](#) needs three new lay members to sit alongside MPs, overseeing the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. Could you be one of them?

About Lay Members

Since their introduction in 2013, lay members have become an integral part of the Committee bringing a breadth of experience and external perspectives. Working with the elected members, they take a full role in the committee's deliberations. They have encouraged the committee to rethink its working methods and to become a body that seeks to play a more active role in standard setting.

Last year, the number of lay members increased, from three to seven, matching the number of MPs on the Committee.

Vacancies have arisen as the first three lay members are now coming to the end of their term in office.

To get a flavour of what the role entails, read [the thoughts of current lay members on different aspects of their role](#).

Current lay members have also offered their advice to anyone thinking of applying:

- "Unless people are willing to step forward and share their wider experiences we can't expect our democracy to be representative, healthy and vibrant."
- "If you believe that you have the skills, knowledge and experience to make a contribution – apply!"

[View the job description and apply online](#)

The committee particularly wants to hear from people from a range of backgrounds and from across the United Kingdom.

The deadline for applications is Monday 31 October.

What are select committees?

Find out more about Select Committees, how they affect government policy and how you can get involved.