

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS (POLITICAL RESTRICTIONS) REGULATIONS 1990**

**SCHEDULE**

**TERMS OF APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

**PART I  
GENERAL**

1. The appointee shall not announce or cause, authorise or permit anyone else to announce that he is, or intends to be, a candidate for election as a member of:-
  - (a) the House of Commons;
  - (b) the European Parliament; or
  - (c) a local authority within the meaning of section 21(1) or (2) of the Act.
  
2. (1) Notwithstanding any contrary provision in his terms of appointment or his contract of employment, upon the appointee giving notice in writing to the local authority under which he holds his appointment that he wishes to resign his appointment because he intends to announce or cause, authorise or permit anyone else to announce that he is, or intends to be, a candidate for election to the House of Commons at a pending election, his appointment shall terminate forthwith.  
  
(2) For the purposes of this paragraph an election shall be taken to be pending:-
  - (a) in the case of a general election, if the date proposed for the dissolution of Parliament preceding that election has been officially announced;
  - (b) in the case of a by-election, if the vacancy giving rise to that election has occurred.
  
3. The appointee shall not act as an election agent or sub-agent within the meaning of section 67 or section 68 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (a) for a candidate for election as a member of a body mentioned in paragraph 1.
  
4. The appointee shall not be an officer of a political party or of any branch of such a party or a member of any committee or sub-committee of such a party or branch if his duties as such an officer or member would be likely to require him –
  - (a) to participate in the general management of the party or the branch; or
  - (b) to act on behalf of the party or branch in dealings with persons other than members of the party or members of another political party associated with the party.
  
5. The appointee shall not canvass on behalf of a political party or on behalf of a person who is, or proposes to be, a candidate for election to any of the bodies mentioned in paragraph 1.

**PART II**  
**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THE CASE OF OFFICERS NOT APPOINTED UNDER**  
**SECTION 9 OF THE ACT**

6. The appointee shall not speak to the public at large or to a section of the public with the apparent intention of affecting public support for a political party.
7. (1) The appointee shall not –
  - (a) publish any written or artistic work of which he is the author (or one of the authors) or any written work or collection of artistic works in relation to which he has acted in an editorial capacity; or
  - (b) cause, authorise or permit any other person to publish such a work or collection,  
  
if the work appears to be intended to affect public support for a political party.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) only applies to publication to the public at large or to a section of the public; and nothing in that sub-paragraph shall preclude the display of a poster or other document on property occupied by the appointee as his dwelling or on a vehicle or article used by him.
8. Nothing in paragraph 6 or 7 shall be construed as precluding the appointee from engaging in the activities there mentioned to such extent as is necessary for the proper performance of his official duties.