
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh
(Scotland) Order of Council 2007

Members of the Court

Period of office

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6.—(1) A member (other than a member appointed ex officio) shall hold office for a 3 year term.

(2) On the expiry of that term such member shall be eligible to be reappointed or elected (as the case may be) (as long as they are still eligible in accordance with the other provisions of this Order) for one further term of a maximum of 3 years.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), such member shall not serve as a member for more than 6 years.

(4) For the purpose of calculating 6 years any period of office as member shall be counted towards the 6 year term.

(5) In exceptional circumstances the Court may extend the term served by a member by up to a further 3 years to give a maximum of 9 years' service as a member.

Ineligibility of staff to be members

(6) A person shall be ineligible to be appointed as a member or, where appropriate, to remain in office as a member, other than in the case of a member ex officio or a member appointed in accordance with article 4(2)(d), if the person is a member of the staff of the University.

Vacation of office of member

(7) A member shall automatically cease to be a member in the following circumstances—

- (a) the member resigns in writing;
- (b) the member's estate is sequestrated or a bankruptcy order is made against the member or the member has granted a trust deed for or entered into an arrangement with his or her creditors other than an approved debt payment programme in terms of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002(1);
- (c) in the opinion of the Court he or she becomes unable to continue as a member by reason of physical or mental incapacity;
- (d) the member has failed to attend any meetings of the Court or of its committees for more than 6 months otherwise than for a reason approved by the Court;
- (e) two thirds of the membership of the Court, excluding the member being considered for removal, decides on good reason to remove a member (other than a member ex officio);
- (f) the member becomes ineligible to remain in office under paragraphs (1) to (6);

(1) 2002 asp 17, prospectively amended by Part 13 of the [Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2007 asp 3](#).

- (g) in the opinion of the Court the member has been involved in behaviour bringing the member or the University into disrepute;
- (h) the member dies; or
- (i) the member has breached a contract between the member and the University or that member has materially breached any policy or procedure of the University.

Suspension

(8) Two thirds of the membership of the Court, excluding the member being considered for suspension, shall be entitled on good reason to suspend a member from the Court for any period.

Filling of vacancies

(9) Subject to paragraphs (1) to (5), where the office of a member has become vacant under paragraph (7) then a new member shall be eligible to be appointed or elected to fill that vacancy for a term to be approved by the Court.