



Constitutional Reform Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 4

PART 2

ARRANGEMENTS TO MODIFY THE OFFICE OF LORD CHANCELLOR

Qualifications for office of Lord Chancellor

2 Lord Chancellor to be qualified by experience

- (1) A person may not be recommended for appointment as Lord Chancellor unless he appears to the Prime Minister to be qualified by experience.
- (2) The Prime Minister may take into account any of these—
 - (a) experience as a Minister of the Crown;
 - (b) experience as a member of either House of Parliament;
 - (c) experience as a qualifying practitioner;
 - (d) experience as a teacher of law in a university;
 - (e) other experience that the Prime Minister considers relevant.
- (3) In this section “qualifying practitioner” means any of these—
 - (a) a person who has a Senior Courts qualification, within the meaning of section 71 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41);
 - (b) an advocate in Scotland or a solicitor entitled to appear in the Court of Session and the High Court of Justiciary;
 - (c) a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland or a solicitor of the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland.