

WHAT'S? IN IT FOR ME?

ELIGIBLE PROSPECTIVE DIRECTOR

Jamaicans with a love for country and service will now be able to volunteer to serve as board members through the Government of Jamaica's (GoJ) Database of Prospective Directors. Candidates will be allowed to complete the online application. Once the application is submitted, a due diligence process will be carried out to check the veracity of the information before the applicant is added to the database. This includes past employment, qualifications and experience. Once the need arises for appointments to a public body board, the prospective director may be selected for appointment.

The Database is a secure and reliable electronic platform for ascertaining, recording, maintaining and preserving information on prospective directors. All eligible individuals are encouraged to apply; however, according to Regulations 2021, the following persons are not eligible for inclusion in the Database:

- A member of either of the Houses of Parliament
- A councillor of a Local Authority as defined by the Local Governance Act
- A person disqualified from serving as a director according to the Companies Act
- A person bankrupt within the meaning of the Insolvency Act
- A person with a mental disorder within the meaning of the Mental Health Act
- A person who does not consent in writing is subject to a due diligence check.

WHAT YOU SHOULD REMEMBER:

- The membership of a board of a public body shall consist of a minimum of 30% males and 30% females.
- A person shall not simultaneously chair more than three (3) public body boards (not including boards of subsidiaries).
- A person shall not serve as chairman of a public body for more than two (2) consecutive terms.
- Term limits are determined by enabling laws or constituent documents. Otherwise, the limit is one (1) or more periods consecutively up to a maximum of 10 years.
- At least one-third or three (3) (whichever is less) of the members of an outgoing board shall be selected for reappointment.
- The Appointing Authority may revoke the appointment of a director.

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You can become an eligible prospective director in the Government of Jamaica and become part of the change you wish to see in our public bodies. An applicant can serve on up to three (3) public body boards depending on his or her availability, competence and experience.

The Government of Jamaica (GoJ), in its commitment to good governance, has established a Public Bodies Database of Prospective Directors.

