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| **Newman University**  **Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2009**  **Student Declaration Guidance** |

In February 2015 the DfE Department for Education published updated guidance which requires schools and other educational settings which provide care for pupils under the age of 8, to ensure that staff working in these settings are not disqualified from doing so under the Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2009:

A person may be disqualified through:

1. having certain court orders or other restrictions placed upon them
2. having committed certain offences
3. living in the same household as someone who is disqualified by virtue of 1 or 2 above - this is known as disqualification by association.

**The Regulations prohibit anyone who is disqualified themselves under the Regulations, or who lives in the same household as a disqualified person, from working in a relevant setting, including in schools**.

In order to comply with the Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2009, Initial Teacher Training Providers (such as Newman University) must ensure that students placed in the following provision are not disqualified from working with children:

Routes covering 3-5 age range

Programmes involving the provision of support for children up to the age of 8

Schools are requiring all Teachers and student teachers to make a statement about disqualifications and students must complete the declaration below.

The University is compelled to ask for this information, which is separate from any other information already provided (e.g. DBS check) and students must answer the questions with accurate information.

If a student is disqualified, there may be an impact on their ability to remain in training particularly with the relevant age group. A disqualified person is not permitted to work in a setting providing care for children under age 8, unless they apply for and are granted a waiver from OFSTED. If you think there is a problem for you, please contact the Head of Registry Operations or the course Programme Leader immediately for advice. Discussions will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please return the completed & signed declaration in the envelope provided (do not forget to affix a stamp). Thank you.