



Job application form

East Sussex County Council is committed to the safeguarding and promotion of the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Please read the guidance notes for applicants before completing your application form.

Please complete all this form in type or black ink and use only the same size paper (A4) as continuation sheets. Guidance notes are included at the end of this form.

Job details

Job title		
Location		
Closing date for application		
Reference number		
Work arrangements (select as appropriate)	Full time ☐ / part time ☐ / job share ☐	
If the post is full-time, would you be prepared to consider working on a job-share basis? (select as appropriate)	Yes ☐ / No ☐	
If job-share, please state preferred working arrangements:		

Personal details

Surname		
First names		
Title (select as appropriate)	Mr ☐ / Mrs ☐ / Miss ☐ / Ms ☐ / Mx ☐ / Other ☐	
Maiden name or previous names		
Address		
Email address		
Correspondence Address (if different from above):		
Daytime telephone number		
Mobile		
Home		

Present employment

Job title			
Name and address of employer (including County)			
Date started current post			
Date commenced with employer			
Salary / wage / benefits			
Notice required			
Briefly describe your present job; its main purpose and your responsibilities:			
Are you currently employed by East Sussex County Council as an apprentice?			Yes ☐ / No ☐

Previous employment

Please list most recent first. Include permanent and temporary work, service with HM Forces, voluntary work, work experience and previous service with East Sussex County Council.			
Name & Address (including County and nature of business)	From / To (exact dates)	Position and Salary	Reason for leaving

Education and qualifications

From age 11 onwards, and please state whether full (F) or part (P) time			
Name of School, College, University etc	From / To	F/P	Subjects studied (with grades and year taken)

Training

This includes government training schemes, apprenticeships, short courses, projects and secondments. Please also include trade/professional training and give date of completion.		
Course Title	Organisation	From / To

Membership of professional institutes

Please indicate whether membership is by examination		
Institute	Level of membership	Year of Award

Other Experience

Please describe all time spent since leaving full-time education. Full details should be given for any period not accounted for by full-time employment, education and training. This would include e.g. unemployment or voluntary work. Please state this information in chronological order.

Experience	From / To

Driving Licence

Only answer if a full driving licence is an essential requirement of the job.	
Do you hold a current Driving Licence? (select as applicable)	Yes ☐ / No ☐
If YES, please state the type of licence you hold	
Do you have any current endorsements? (select as applicable)	Yes ☐ / No ☐
If YES, please specify:	

Why should we hire you? Refer to 'Guidance Notes' for job applicants

Please mention any specific skills or experience that meet the requirements of the job description and person specification. These skills may have been gained in relation to your current or previous employment, education, training, domestic activities, voluntary work or leisure interests.

Declaration by Applicant

The Working Time Regulations 1998

Regulations on Working Time

The Working Time Regulations were introduced on 1st October 1998 and working hours in the UK are now governed by statute. Department working practices and procedures are therefore organised to comply with the following legal requirements. (Average hours are normally calculated over a 17 week period.)

- Average weekly working hours are limited to 48 hours
- Average daily night working hours are limited to 8 hours
- Minimum daily, weekly and in-work rest breaks requirements
- Minimum requirements for annual leave.

Department Policy and Procedures

The legislation was introduced as a health and safety measure. Employers who do not comply with the limits to working time will be committing a criminal offence. Working practices in the department are therefore monitored to ensure that generally, working hours remain well within legal limits.

Employers are required to take 'all responsible steps' to ensure that the limits to working time are not exceeded. This includes inquiring whether a person is working elsewhere. All applicants are therefore asked to declare all other employment.

This declaration will not prejudice your application

Please note:

- If you do have other job(s), your application will still be assessed on your suitability to do the job you are applying for. At this stage, any other jobs you declare will be ignored.
- If you are selected for interview the implications will be carefully discussed with you. The department may consider it necessary to discuss the situation with your other employer(s) but only with your permission.
- Depending on the overall situation and the outcome of discussions with you, the department would have the following options:
 - not to offer you the appointment
 - offer the appointment on reduced hours
 - offer the appointment providing the other work is relinquished (or the hours reduced)
 - offer the appointment and enter into an agreement with you to opt out of the weekly working time limit.

Employment which you intend to continue if successfully appointed to the post applied for.

Please complete and sign **either** Section 1 **or** Section 2 below.

Your application cannot be processed if you do not return this form.

Please declare **any** other job, whether they are with the County Council, other local authorities, public bodies or with private companies/employers.

Section 1 - No other employment			
I confirm that I do not have any other employment.			
Signature			
Print Name			
Date			
If form has been completed electronically please place an 'x' in this box in place of your signature →			☐
Section 2 - Other Employment			
All other employment that I have is detailed below: Weekly hours must specify total regularly worked (including overtime) Please use 24-hour clock			
Job Title	Weekly Hours	Start Time	End Time
Signature			
Print Name			
Date			
If form has been completed electronically please place an 'x' in this box in place of your signature →			☐

References

Please provide two references. One must be your present or last employer (where applicable) and the other, a second employer. If you have not been employed previously, please provide an academic and character reference.

A job offer will not be made without 2 references.

In the event we seek references prior to a provisional job offer being made, we will not seek information relating to sickness absence or medical history.

Present/last employer			
Full name			
Address			
Email address		Tel No	
Job title		Organisation	
May we contact this referee prior to interview? (select as applicable)			Yes ☐ / No ☐
Second referee			
Full name			
Address			
Email address		Tel No	
Job title		Organisation	
May we contact this referee prior to interview? (select as applicable)			Yes ☐ / No ☐
We may also seek references at any point in the recruitment process and from any previous employers listed in the 'Previous Employment' section of this form. If your previous employment includes working for the County Council, we may seek an additional reference from your former line manager. If you do not wish for us to contact your referees or previous employers prior to interview, please indicate below:			

Warnings and Disciplinary Issues

Have you ever been dismissed or have you ever resigned in the face of a dismissal or warning? (select as applicable)		Yes ☐ / No ☐
Have you ever been the subject of any allegations in relation to the safety and welfare of children, young people and/or vulnerable adults, either substantiated or unsubstantiated?		Yes ☐ / No ☐
If you have answered yes to the above question, you must supply details on a separate sheet of paper, place it in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential - For the attention of the Recruitment Support Team' and attach it to your application form.		
I have attached details requested		Yes ☐ / No ☐
Please list any disciplinary offences or warnings you have received at any time, or state if not applicable.		
Reason for warning	Date	Name/address of employer

Prohibition Orders on Teaching Assistants

Have you ever been employed as a teacher, member of the school leadership team, or an instructor in a maintained school, academy, independent school or in the FE or HE sector?	Yes ☐ / No ☐
Have you ever been prohibited from teaching?	Yes ☐ / No ☐
If YES, please give details below including the date of prohibition, and the reason.	

Shortlisting self-declaration from - criminal records and other safeguarding information

All posts involving direct contact with children are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

The amendments to the Exception Order 1975 (2013) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected'. These are not subject to disclosure to employers and cannot be considered. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found the Disclosure and Barring Service website: [Disclosure and Barring Service - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

You are asked to provide details of all unspent convictions and spent convictions and cautions that would not be filtered at the point of application by completing a self-disclosure declaration.

Your self-disclosure declaration form is included with this application pack or will be sent to you if you are invited to attend an interview. **Please do not complete this form and include with your application.**

You will be required to complete and send this declaration form to the school **only** if you are short listed for interview. Your disclosure form will only be viewed by the recruiting manager.

See the guidance notes for applicants for further information.

Declarations

You are required to declare any relationships with Senior Officers or members of the County Council as canvassing, whether direct or indirect, will invalidate your application. (Please note Senior Officers are defined as Chief Officers or Deputy Chief Officers.)

Are you a relative, partner or friend of anyone who currently works for or is a County Councillor for East Sussex County Council?	Yes ☐ / No ☐
If 'YES', please give details (stating department and job title if quoting an employee):	
Do you undertake any activities and/or responsibilities in connection with management committees of voluntary organisations?	Yes ☐ / No ☐
If YES, please give details:	

Declaration

I declare that the information given both on this application form and the attached equal opportunities monitoring form is true and correct. I understand that any false or misleading information, or omissions of information concerning canvassing or criminal convictions, may disqualify my application or may render my Contract of Employment, if I am appointed, liable to termination.

Signed:

Date

Print name

If form has been completed electronically

please place an 'x' in this box to indicate your consent regarding the processing of information. →

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Data protection

East Sussex County Council will only process the information you have provided in this form for the purpose of recruitment and selection and, if you are successful in securing this position, for purposes relating to your employment.

Your details will be kept both electronically and in hard copy. We will not disclose this information about you to outside organisations or third parties unless there is a legal requirement to do so, or for the prevention and detection of fraud.

For further information, see our privacy notice for job applicants at <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/privacy/job-applicants-and-employees/>

How to return your form

Please send your completed form direct to the school at the address stated in the job advert.

Guidance Notes for Applicants

Application Form

Your application form is an important part of our recruitment process - it is how we get to know you and assess your ability to do the job. It enables us to decide whether or not to shortlist you for interview and therefore plays a vital role in the recruitment process.

We do not take into account any previous applications or prior knowledge of you. We also do not accept Curriculum Vitae (CV's) and ask all applicants to complete our application form. This is in line with our Equal Opportunities Policy and ensures that information about candidates is presented in a standard format. The exception to this is candidates with a disability where a CV might be the most convenient method of application.

How we shortlist

When we shortlist, we look at your experience, skills, knowledge, attainment and other information **in line with the job description and person specification**. The job description outlines the main responsibilities and duties of the post, and a person specification outlines the skills, abilities, experience and qualifications that you require to fulfil these duties.

Please ensure you read the job description and person specification before you begin to complete the form so you have in mind the skills and knowledge we are looking for.

The Council is a Disability Confident employer. If you have a disability, this lets you know that:

- we will make reasonable adjustments to make sure you are considered for the job on an equal basis with other applicants.
- If the manager is satisfied your application shows you meet all the essential criteria, you will normally automatically be shortlisted for interview. However, in line with the National Disability Confident scheme, if there is a high number of suitable applications for a vacancy and it's therefore not possible to interview all applicants, we will select those disabled candidates who best meet the essential criteria for a role. It may also be necessary to limit the overall number of disabled and non-disabled candidates interviewed for a vacancy.

How to complete your application form

General hints

- Read the job description and person specification before you start
- Use black ink so we can clearly photocopy forms for shortlisting and interviewing
- Complete all sections of the form as fully as possible
- Clearly label and number any continuation sheets with your name and the post you are applying for and list the number of attachments on the main application form.

This allows us to check we have all the information you want us to have before we shortlist.

- Keep a copy of the application form for your own records.

‘Why should we employ you?’

This is the most important part of the form and is your opportunity to show us how you meet the essential and desirable criteria detailed in the person specification and job description i.e. how your skills, knowledge and experience match those we require and how they will enable you to successfully do the job.

- Use the criteria in the person specification as headings and give examples of your experience and skills under each heading.
- You can use skills you have gained from community and voluntary work, leisure interests and your home life, as well as those from your past and present employment.
- Use clearly labelled continuation pages if required.
- Check you have demonstrated how you meet all the essential requirements on the person specification. The shortlisting panel cannot guess or make assumptions about your work experience.
- Remember that we use the job description and person specification to shortlist - if you do not therefore clearly demonstrate how you meet the essential criteria in the person specification - you will not be shortlisted to interview.

Applications to Job Share

If you are applying on a job share basis, please indicate this on the application form, and as far as possible, the working sessions that you would prefer. This enables us to match you with other job share applicants who have indicated complementary working sessions. Please remember that the more you restrict the working sessions available to you, the more difficult it will be for us to find you a partner. Therefore, try and be as flexible as possible.

Evidence of Qualifications

If invited to interview, you will be required to provide evidence to prove that you hold the qualifications, which are relevant to the appointment. If the post requires you to travel on official business you will be required to produce your drivers licence and certificate of insurance to your manager for inspection upon appointment.

References

We may contact your references prior to interview unless you have ticked the boxes on the application form indicating not to. References will not be used as part of the interview process, but will be taken into account if you are offered the post. We must receive two satisfactory references about you before we can formally offer you the post.

Criminal Convictions - Why we need you to declare your criminal convictions and other related information.

Working within a school is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act and this role is eligible for an enhanced DBS check and access to the barred list.

We therefore ask you to complete the **Shortlisting - employment self-declaration and disclosure form** as fully as possible and bring it with you to the interview. A copy of the

form is enclosed as part of the application pack, or will be sent to you if you are invited to attend an interview.

The only people who will see the information will be those directly involved in the recruitment process. All information will be handled in accordance with the Criminal Records Code of Practice. At interview, or in a separate discussion, we will ensure that an open and measured discussion takes place about any offences or other matter that might be relevant to the position.

If you are successful at interview, we will require an Enhanced Certificate of Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) as part of the pre-employment checks..

Having a criminal record will not necessarily bar you from working with us. This will depend on the nature of the post you have applied for and the relevance and circumstances of your offences, as set out in our Criminal Records Code of Practice. We also comply with the Disclosure & Barring Service's Code of Practice, which is available on their website at [DBS code of practice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-records-code-of-practice)

We ensure that anyone making appointment decisions has the necessary information and support to assess the relevance and circumstances of any offences.

All information will be treated as confidential and managed in accordance with relevant data protection legislation and guidance.

The post applied for is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore applicants are required to declare:

- All unspent convictions and conditional cautions
- All spent convictions and adult cautions that are not protected (i.e. that are not filtered out) as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2020).

The amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020) provides that when applying for certain jobs and activities, certain convictions and cautions are considered 'protected'. This means that they do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account.

Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website.

[Guidance on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the Exceptions Order 1975 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rehabilitation-of-offenders-act-1974-and-the-exceptions-order-1975)

The filtering rules were updated on 28th November 2020 as follows:

- Warnings, reprimands and youth cautions will no longer be automatically disclosed on a DBS certificate.
- The multiple conviction rule has been removed, meaning that if an individual has more than one conviction, regardless of offence type or time passed, each conviction will be considered against the remaining rules individually, rather than all being automatically disclosed.

The information disclosed on this form will not be kept with your application form during the application process.

Further information on filtering can be found at Nacro [Criminal Record Support Service | Nacro](#)

There is a [list of offences](#) that will always be disclosed on a Standard or Enhanced DBS certificate (unless they relate to a youth caution). These are known as 'specified offences' and are usually of a serious violent or sexual nature, or are relevant for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

[List of offences that will never be filtered from a DBS certificate - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Declaration of Interests

Direct or indirect canvassing of Councillors or Senior Officers by, or on behalf of yourself is forbidden. If you are related to a Councillor or Senior Officer record the details in a sealed envelope and mark it "Confidential - For the attention of the Recruitment Support Team".

Health Statement

Where an appointment is offered, you will be required to complete a health questionnaire which must be cleared by the County Council's Occupational Health Adviser prior to taking up your post. You may also be required to have a medical examination or give permission for the Occupational Health Adviser to contact your GP for a report. Staff moving internally will be required to complete a health questionnaire if the new post is significantly different.

Eligibility to work

It is a criminal offence to employ persons whose immigration status prevents them from working in this country.

You will be required to provide evidence, prior to appointment, contained within passports, Identity Cards for Foreign Nationals or other documents on the approved UK Visas and Immigration list to satisfy the County Council that you have the right to work in the UK.

Interview Expenses

The County Council does not normally pay interview expenses. We do, however, recognise that there may be occasions when candidates require assistance. Please contact the Personnel Section if you require such assistance, before incurring any expense.

CONFIDENTIAL: Equal Opportunities in Employment - Monitoring Form

This section will be removed for monitoring purposes before the selection process begins and will not affect the consideration of your application.

Everyone is unique owing to differences in age, gender, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, ability etc. The County Council aims to treat these differences positively, recognising that diversity creates a strong, flexible, and creative workforce.

The County Council's Equality of Opportunity in Employment Policy states that all applicants are to be treated fairly, and selection for appointment is to be based solely on a person's ability to do the job.

The County Council has a statutory duty to collect the information you provide on this form, and it will assist us in ensuring fairness of treatment in appointment decisions, as statistical monitoring will show whether minority groups are being treated equitably.

This information will not affect the consideration of your application.

Job applied for			
Job No. or Ref (if applicable)			
How did you learn of this vacancy?			
Surname and initials			
Age		Date of Birth	
Gender	M ☐ / F ☐		

Ethnic Origin

This is the origin of your family rather than your nationality. For example, you could be British, and your ethnic (family) origins could be any of the ones listed opposite, or a combination of them, or something more specific.

Please identify your ethnic origin either by putting an 'x' in ONE of the boxes below or by giving your own description in the space provided.

a. White	
British	☐
Irish	☐
Gypsy/Roma	☐
Traveller of Irish Heritage	☐
Any other White background	☐

b. Mixed	
White and Black Caribbean	☐
White and Black African	☐
White and Asian	☐
Any other mixed background	☐

c. Black or Black British	
Caribbean	☐
African	☐
Any other Black background	☐

d. Asian or Asian British	
Caribbean	☐
African	☐
Any other Black background	☐

e. Other ethnic groups	
Chinese	☐
Any other ethnic group	☐

Prefer not to say	☐
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Disability Guidance

The Council is a Disability Confident employer. If you have a disability, this lets you know that:

- we will make reasonable adjustments to make sure you are considered for the job on an equal basis with other applicants.
- If the manager is satisfied your application shows you meet all the essential criteria, you will normally automatically be shortlisted for interview. However, in line with the National Disability Confident scheme, if there is a high number of suitable applications for a vacancy and it's therefore not possible to interview all applicants, we will select those disabled candidates who best meet the essential criteria for a role. It may also be necessary to limit the overall number of disabled and non-disabled candidates interviewed for a vacancy.

The Equality Act 2010 says that a person is disabled if they have a mental or physical impairment or long term health condition which has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

If you consider yourself to be disabled, please let us know. We would appreciate advice on any assistance you may require or reasonable adjustments we might arrange to enable you to attend or participate in the interview, in compliance with the Equality Act 2010.

Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act? (select as applicable)	Yes ☐ / No ☐
If YES, please describe your disability.	
If you need any assistance to attend or participate in the interview, please give details.	

Military status

Where an applicant is a current or former member of the Armed Forces (including reserve forces) and they meet the essential criteria of the post, they are automatically shortlisted for interview.

Are you a current or former member of the Armed Forces (including reserve forces)?	Yes ☐ / No ☐
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If Reserve, please identify your military status by putting an 'x' in the relevant box below:

Army Reserve	☐
Regular Reserve	☐

Looked After Children

Where an applicant is or has been a Looked After Child in the care of East Sussex County Council, and meet the essential criteria of the post, they are automatically shortlisted for interview.

Are you currently or have you previously been a Looked After Child of East Sussex County Council?

Yes ☐ / No ☐
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Religion

Please identify your religion by putting an 'x' in ONE of the boxes below.

Christian	☐
Buddhist	☐
Hindu	☐
Jewish	☐
Muslim	☐
Sikh	☐
Other religion	☐
No religion	☐
Prefer not to say	☐

Sexual Orientation

Please identify your sexual orientation by putting an 'x' in ONE of the boxes below.

Bisexual	☐
Gay man	☐
Gay woman / lesbian	☐
Heterosexual / straight	☐
Other	☐
Prefer not to say	☐

Gender Identity

Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?

Yes	☐
No	☐
Prefer not to say	☐

Employees with caring and parental responsibilities

We value the contribution of carers, and we understand the additional pressures carers face in managing their work and caring responsibilities at the same time.

Are you a carer?

We consider a carer to be anyone who spends a significant proportion of their time providing unpaid support to family or friends. This could be caring for a partner, relative or friend who is ill, frail, disabled, or has mental health or substance misuse problems.

Examples of caring activities

A lot of people with caring responsibilities don't identify themselves as being a carer. We consider you to be a carer if you provide:

- personal care such as help with bathing, washing, dressing, going to the toilet and administering medicines
- physical care such as help getting out of bed, walking, eating, and feeding, getting out of the house and/or in the community and with shopping
- administrative support such as help with finances and filling in forms
- emotional support and company including listening, prompting, encouraging, and raising confidence.

According to the definition of a 'carer' given above, do you have caring responsibilities for an adult?

Yes	☐
No	☐
Prefer not to say	☐

Are you a parent/carers?

The term parent/carers means any person with parental responsibility for a child or young person with special educational needs or disability. It is an inclusive term and covers for instance foster carers, adoptive parents and other family members.

According to the definition of a 'parent carer' given above, do you have caring responsibilities for a disabled child under the age of 18 years?

Yes	☐
No	☐
Prefer not to say	☐

Are you a parent?

We define a parent as:

- a mother, father, adopter, guardian, special guardian, foster parent or private foster carer of the child or a person who has been granted a residence order in respect of a child, or
- a person married to, or the civil partner of the child's mother, father, adopter, guardian, special guardian, foster parent or private foster carer of the child or person who has been granted a residence order in respect of a child.

Are you a parent of a child or children under the age of 17 years?

Yes	☐
No	☐
Prefer not to say	☐