

## OFFICE OF THE SCOTTISH CHARITY REGULATOR (OSCR)

### REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

#### Introduction

This form is issued in accordance with the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Regulations 2003. The form will be used to compile the **Register of Board Members' Interests**. The main purpose of the Register is to provide information about certain financial or other interests you have which might reasonably be thought by others to influence your conduct as a member of the Board.

If you have no registrable interests, you are still required to submit the form, but you should simply answer "No" to all the questions asked. You will be asked to confirm your Register entry on a quarterly basis, and state whether the entry remains the same or advise of any changes. The Register will be made available for public inspection.

There are nine categories of interest in the Code of Conduct: remuneration; other roles; contracts; election expenses (which are not relevant to OSCR Board members); houses, land and buildings; interest shares and securities; gifts and hospitality; non-financial interests and close family members.

If you have any concerns over whether an interest should be registered you should contact Moira Cathcart [moira.cathcart@oscr.org.uk](mailto:moira.cathcart@oscr.org.uk) or the Scottish Standards Commission.

**Category One: Remuneration**

Do you hold any positions where you receive remuneration by virtue of being: employed; self-employed; the holder of an office; a director of an undertaking; a partner in a firm; appointed or nominated by OSCR to another body; or engaged in a trade, profession or vocation or any other work?

Remuneration includes allowances (such as travel and subsistence).  
Remuneration you receive from a pension does not have to be registered in this category.  
Remuneration you receive as a member of the OSCR Board does not have to be registered.

**Yes**

If yes, you must give the name of the employer(s), the nature of its business and the nature of the post held in the organisation or, if self-employed, you must provide the name and details of the nature of the business. When registering an interest in a partnership(s) or a directorship(s), you must give the name of the partnership or undertaking and the nature of its business. Where you undertake a trade, profession or vocation, or any other work, the detail to be given is the nature of the work and its regularity. When registering a directorship, it is necessary to provide the registered name of the undertaking in which the directorship is held and the nature of the business.

Please note that you do not need to register the amount of the remuneration.

**Non-Executive Director of Scottish Canals, the organisation that protects and improves Scotland's canal network and the environments around them, ensuring that the infrastructure, heritage and habitats of the canal system are safe and looked after so they can be enjoyed for generations to come.**

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**Category Two: Other Roles**

Do you hold any directorships which are themselves not remunerated but where the company (or other undertaking) in question is a subsidiary of, or a parent of, a company (or other undertaking) in which you hold a remunerated directorship (as described under category 1)?

**No**

If yes, you must register the name(s) of the subsidiary or parent company or other undertaking and the nature of its business, and its relationship to the company or other undertaking in which you are a director and from which you receive remuneration.

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**Category Three: Contracts**

Have you (or a firm in which you are a partner, or an undertaking in which you are a director or in which you have shares of a nominal value of (i) greater than 1% of the issued share capital of the company or other body; or (ii) greater than £25,000) made a contract with the Board under which goods or services are to be provided, or works are to be executed and which has not been fully discharged?

**No**

If yes, you must enter a description of the contract, including its duration, but excluding the value of the contract.

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**Category Four: Election Expenses**

Have you been elected to your public body?

**No**

If yes, you must register a description of, and statement of, any assistance towards election expenses relating to election to your public body.

**Category Five: Houses, Land and Buildings**

Do you own or have any right or interest in houses, land and buildings, which may be significant to, of relevance to, or bear upon, the work and operation of OSCR?

The test to be applied when considering appropriateness of registration is to ask whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard the interest as being so significant that it could potentially affect your responsibilities to OSCR and to the public, or could influence your actions, speeches or decision making.

**No**

If yes, you must list all relevant interests.

**Category Six: Shares and Securities**

Do you have a registerable interest in shares which constitute a holding in a company or organisation which may be significant to, of relevance to, or bear upon, the work and operation of the Board?

A 'registerable interest' in shares is where:-

- a) You own or have an interest in more than 1% of the issued share capital of the company or other body; or
- b) Where, at the relevant date, the market value of any shares and securities (in any one specific company or body) that you own or have an interest in is greater than £25,000.

The test to be applied when considering appropriateness of registration is to ask whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard the interest as being so significant that it could potentially affect your responsibilities to OSCR and to the public, or could influence your actions, speeches or decision making.

**No**

If yes, you must list all such interests. You are not required to register the value of such interests.

**Category Seven: Gifts and Hospitality**

Paragraphs 3.13 to 3.21 of the Code of Conduct provide the requirements regarding gifts and hospitality. Board members should not accept any gifts or hospitality, other than under the limited circumstances allowed. On this basis there is no longer the need to register any gifts and hospitality.

**Category Eight: Non-financial Interests**

Do you have any non-financial interests which may be significant to, of relevance to, or bear upon, the work and operation of the Board? It is important that relevant interests such as membership or holding office in other public bodies, clubs, societies and organisations such as trades unions and voluntary organisations, are registered and described.

The test to be applied when considering appropriateness of registration is to ask whether members of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts might reasonably think these non-financial interests could influence your actions, speeches, votes or decision-making in OSCR (this includes its Committees and memberships of other organisations to which you have been appointed or nominated by OSCR).

**Yes**

If yes, you should list all relevant interests.

**I am a Trustee of EPIC Assist, a Scottish charity founded in 2013 to provide support and development opportunities to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups throughout Scotland. The charity focuses on the many issues that hinder the positive development of key life skills, employment, and social inclusion. I started this role in November 2023.**

**Category Nine: Close Family Members**

Do you have any close family members who have transactions with OSCR or are likely to have transactions or do business with it?

**No**

If yes, you should list all relevant interests.