


P&Cs and school councils—deadline extensions due to COVID-19 restrictions

[Education Legislation \(COVID-19 Emergency Response\) Regulation 2020](#)  allowed for the extension of certain legislative timeframes relating to Parents and Citizens' Associations (P&Cs) and school councils that had been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

While these relaxations had been previously foreshadowed, they have now been formally approved:

- recognising that all P&C Annual General Meetings held after 31 March 2020 are valid (s.44(1) of the Education (General Provisions) Regulations 2017)
- providing flexibility for P&Cs to give the Department of Education a copy of their 2019 audited financial accounts after the 31 May 2020 (s.135(2) of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2016* (EGPA))
- allowing individual school council members to continue beyond their 2 year term until a ballot can take place to elect a new member (s.90(1) of the EGPA).

Action—P&Cs and school councils impacted by the COVID-19 restrictions should finalise these legislative functions as soon as practicable in 2020.

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