

Ineligible Occupations as a Special Constable

Occupations where staff are ineligible to be appointed as special constables

- The armed forces
- Traffic wardens, school crossing patrols and parking attendants
- Neighbourhood and street wardens and other uniformed patrol wardens
- Highways Agency Traffic Officers
- Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)
- Employers' police forces and private constabularies
- Those involved in the administration of the law

Occupations where staff are eligible to be appointed as special constables subject to agreement of their employer and at the discretion of the Chief Officer

- Armed forces reserves
- The fire service
- Occupations with client privilege (There are professions whose practitioners have a code of ethics or an assumption of client privilege which might cause conflict of interest to a special constable).
- Members of the medical and health professions

Occupations where eligibility to be appointed as special constables should be carefully scrutinised by the Chief Officer

- Holder (and their partners) of liquor licenses, managers of licensed houses, licensees of betting/gaming premises
- Probation officers and youth and social workers involved in the administration of criminal law
- Bailiffs, warrant officers, private detectives and inquiry agents
- Employees of security organisations and security personnel, guards and doormen
- Civilian staff employed by police authorities
- Prison Officers and prisons administrative staff

If you have any doubts as to your eligibility please contact the Personnel & Support Officer, Special Constabulary on 0800 328 7597