



Chartered Governance
Institute UK & Ireland

Step into governance with confidence

Your guide to sector-specific qualifications from CGIUKI

Practical, accessible training designed for professionals working in charity, corporate, academy, health, housing and sports.

Now enrolling for an October 2026 start





What are Sector Qualifications?

They are practical, online qualifications designed specifically for people working in real-world governance roles across sectors like charity, corporate, academy trusts, healthcare, social housing and sport.

Do I need any previous experience or qualifications?

No. These courses are designed to be accessible to those without formal governance qualifications – just bring your sector knowledge and passion for career progression.

How are Sector Qualifications different from other CGIUKI qualifications?

Sector Qualifications focus on applying governance principles within a particular sector. They are shorter (usually 8-9 months), more focused, and designed to help you build practical knowledge quickly – without the need for prior qualifications.

Once you've successfully completed a sector qualification, you can progress to study the CGIUKI's Qualifying Programme.

Who are they aimed at?

- Early-career professionals starting out in governance, policy or compliance.
- Staff supporting boards in charities, sports bodies, schools, housing associations or the NHS.
- Career changers moving into governance-related roles.
- Anyone looking to upskill for a governance-related promotion or responsibility.
- Anyone without prior qualifications or experience in governance.



How long do they take?

Our sector qualifications run from October to June. You'll learn through a mix of self-study, tutor-led webinars and online, allowing you to balance learning alongside your current role.

How are Sector Qualifications assessed?

You'll complete a written assignment and an online multiple-choice questions exam.

Which sectors are covered?

- Charity
- Corporate
- Academy trusts
- Social housing
- Healthcare
- Sport

When do the courses start?

Courses start in October, with final places still available.

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