

PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION – PUBLIC MEMBER

Applications are invited for a new public member of the PCC, the body that deals with complaints about the editorial content of UK newspapers and magazines and their websites (including audio-visual material). The appointment – which is made by an independent Appointments Commission – is for a term of three years.

Membership – which comes with remuneration of £11.25k per annum – involves nine board meetings in central London each year (usually on a Wednesday afternoon), and occasional ad hoc Committee work. In addition, Commission members are sent papers for consideration each week. Applicants will need to demonstrate a record of achievement in their own walk of life, an interest in and appreciation of the dynamics of a free press and new media, an acceptance of the principles of self regulation, and an ability to analyse and digest a large amount of written material. Because of the importance of the Commission's independence, applicants should not have been employed in the newspaper and magazine publishing industry – at management or editorial level – for the last ten years.

A job description is available on the PCC's website – www.pcc.org.uk. Applications must be made by Tuesday September 1st 2009; interviews of a shortlist of candidates are expected to take place in early October. Full details of application procedure are contained in the job description. For those without access to the internet, a copy can be obtained from Kim Baxter, PCC, Halton House, 20/23 Holborn, London, EC1N 2JD.

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