



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 October 2025 – June 2026 courses



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 next courses start?

Courses start in October 2025, with final places still available for registration.

Register your interest now

