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| **TITLE** | **Making of the Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2020** |
| **DATE** | **25 November 2020** |
| **BY** | **Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister of Wales** |

Members will wish to be aware that the Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2020 was made by the Privy Council on the 11 November 2020 and has subsequently come into force.

The Order can be found at the following link:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1255/made>

The Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2020 lists offices and memberships of bodies that disqualify their holders from being a Member of the Senedd (but not from being a candidate to be a Member of the Senedd). The offices are described in the Schedule to the Order.

Additional disqualifying offices, together with categories of person disqualified from being a Member of the Senedd, are prescribed by section 16 of, and Schedule 1A to, the Government of Wales Act 2006. The Order should be read with those provisions.

This Order will revoke and replace the National Assembly for Wales (Disqualification) Order 2015 with effect from an election at which the poll is held on or after 5 April 2021.

The Electoral Commission will be taking into account the Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2020 in their guidance to candidates prior to the May 2021 Senedd elections. It will however also be important that all political parties take steps to ensure that their prospective candidates are fully aware of the Order.