**Applying for a Chartership or Professional Registration**

This guidance covers registrations including:   
  
**Engineering Council:**

* **CEng** (Chartered Engineer)
* **IEng** (Incorporated Engineer)
* **EngTech** (Engineering Technician)

**Science Council:**

* **CSci** (Chartered Scientist)

**Society for the Environment**

* **CEnv** (Chartered Environmentalist)

**Criteria for Professional Registration**  
  
There are certain criteria which need to be met in order to apply for Professional Registration, including the NI membership grade you are or are applying for.  
  
There are also academic criteria set by the licensing bodies (Engineering Council, Science Council or Society for the Environment) which determine whether your qualifications will:

* Meet the criteria for the “standard” route
* Not meet the criteria for the “standard” route, and therefore require you to apply via an “individual route”.   
  Usually this will involve simply completing an extra document mapping your professional experience against the criteria against which degrees recognised under the “standard” route are assessed (thereby removing the need for to hold the exemplifying qualifications in order to progress.)

**All Registrants – NI grade required and relevant application forms**

All registrants, even those who are currently NI Members or Fellows, must return an MF1, MF2 or MF3 form **with their registration (RF-X) application.**  
**If you are already a Member or higher**, you only need to complete the personal/professional details sections 1-9 on the MF1, MF2 or MF3. You do not need to complete A-C, the Nuclear Professionalism Standard, on those forms.  
  
**If you are applying for Member, Direct Fellow or Upgrade Fellow**, please complete all sections on the relevant form (MF1, MF2 or MF3).  
  
Please return both sets of forms to [membership@nuclearinst.com](mailto:membership@nuclearinst.com)

# Engineering Council

## Standard Routes – CEng, IEng and EngTech

### Standard Route - Qualified in the UK *(please click triangle to expand)*

* **CEng** (Chartered Engineer)  
  To apply via the standard route, you will usually need to have a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree, or a 4-year degree such as MEng, which are/is on the list of those validated (“pre-approved”) by the Engineering Council. In some cases, if you qualified before a certain date on particular programmes, you may only be required to have a Bachelor’s.   
  You can check your qualifications [here](https://www.engc.org.uk/education-skills/course-search/recognised-course-search/?adv=1). The site will usually tell you if your qualification is approved and for what level. You must have graduated within the dates specified for approval,  
  If you’re not sure, please ask us and we will help. Email [membership@nuclearinst.com](mailto:membership@nuclearinst.com) or call us.
* **IEng** (Incorporated Engineer)  
    
  To apply via the standard route, you will usually need to have a Bachelor’s that is on the list of those validated (“pre-approved”) by the Engineering Council.   
  You can check your qualifications [here](https://www.engc.org.uk/education-skills/course-search/recognised-course-search/?adv=1). The site will usually tell you if your qualification is approved and for what level. You must have graduated within the dates specified for approval,  
  If you’re not sure, please ask us and we will help. Email [membership@nuclearinst.com](mailto:membership@nuclearinst.com) or call us.
* **EngTech** (Engineering Technician)  
    
  To apply via the standard route, you will usually need to have an approved Level 3 qualification, approved modern apprenticeship, HND/FD or approved NVQ4 or SVQ4.  
  You can check your qualifications [here](https://www.engc.org.uk/education-skills/course-search/recognised-course-search/?adv=1). The site will usually tell you if your qualification is approved and for what level. You must have graduated within the dates specified for approval,  
  If you’re not sure, please ask us and we will help. Email [membership@nuclearinst.com](mailto:membership@nuclearinst.com) or call us.

### Standard Route - Qualified outside the UK *(please click triangle to expand)*

* If you qualified in Europe, please check <https://engineerseurope.com/eeed-database>. If you qualification is listed as validated during the dates you studied, you may be eligible for CEng, IEng or EngTech
* If you qualified outside Europe, please check if your country is a signatory of the [Washington Accord](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Accord_(credentials)). You may be eligible if your engineering qualification was achieved after your country became a signatory.
* With ANY overseas qualification, we would advise you to check your eligibility with us before proceeding.

## Individual (academic equivalence demonstration) Routes – qualified anywhere *(please click triangle to expand)*

If you don’t meet the criteria for the Standard route, you can still apply if you have enough relevant professional experience, via an Individual route. This involves completing an Equivalence application to map your professional experience against the AHEP criteria the Engineering Council uses to validate academic qualifications, thereby circumventing the need to hold the usual qualifications.  
  
It's a bit of extra work, usually between 4000-6000 words. But it does provide access to registration for those who don’t hold validated degrees, something that not all licensing bodies have! For example, architects who didn’t study the “right” qualifications can never achieve Chartered status through their body as there is no alternative route (that doesn’t involve going back to school.)  
  
Please email [membership@nuclearinst.com](mailto:membership@nuclearinst.com) for a copy of the relevant application.

# Science Council

### Standard vs Individual Route, UK or International *(please click triangle to expand)*

The Science Council require all applicants to be qualified to Masters’ level in any scientific subject.  
  
**If you have both a Scientific Bachelors and Masters’,** then just complete an MF1, MF2 or MF3 form (as per the “all registrants” section) and return it to use with the RF4 Chartered Scientist form.  
  
**If you aren’t qualified to Masters’ level in a scientific subject**, you can use an equivalence application to map your professional experience against the Science Council’s academic standard and demonstrate that your knowledge and understanding in the area of Science are equivalent to Masters’ level.   
Please ask us for a copy of the equivalence report that you need to complete.  
Then return the equivalence report to us with the MF1, MF2 or MF3, the RF4 and all the required documentation.

# Society for the Environment

### Standard vs Individual Route, UK or international *(please click triangle to expand)*

The Society for the Environment require all applicants to be qualified to Masters’ level in any subject.  
  
**If you are qualified to Masters’ level,** then just complete an MF1, MF2 or MF3 form (as per the “all registrants” section) and return it to use with the RF5 Chartered Environmentalist form.  
  
**If you aren’t qualified to Masters’ level**, you can use an equivalence application to map your professional experience against one of the UK’s academic standard’s for assessing qualifications (AAQA) and demonstrate that your knowledge and understanding are equivalent to Masters’ level.  
Please ask us for a copy of the equivalence report that you need to complete.  
Then return the equivalence report to us with the MF1, MF2 or MF3, the RF5 and all the required documentation.