

Professional Membership (Fellow)

Professional Membership in the Class of Fellow is the most prestigious Class of Professional Membership of the Association to which direct application may be made, and is a milestone in progress towards Chartered Scientist Status. Applicants will be required to demonstrate substantial evidence of professional maturity in the science or technology of coatings,

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5.1

An applicant for transfer to the Grade of Professional Member in the Class of Fellow from the Grade of Professional Member in the Class of Associate should:

This Regulation sets out the minimum requirements for transfer to Professional Member in the Class of Fellow. You may not transfer from the Class of Licentiate to this Grade. However, opportunities exist for exceptional direct election to this Grade. See Regulation 5.2 below.

5.1.1

be able to demonstrate that they have sufficient maturity, commitment, and contribution to the field of surface coatings and:

It is unlikely that applicants below the age of 35 will be able to demonstrate the levels of maturity, contribution, and commitment for transfer to the Grade under Regulations 5.2.1, 5.2.2, and 5.2.3

5.1.2

have made significant contributions to the science and technology of surface coatings, ideally by lecturing or the publication of articles; shall have reached a position of eminence in the surface coating industry; and

The Association is looking for a position of senior responsibility in the science or technology of surface coatings, and expects you to have been employed in a company or educational establishment active within the surface coating sector. You will be expected to demonstrate that you have made a significant contribution to the scientific or technical development of the sector through publications (internal or external), and lectures.

5.1.3

have been in the Grade of Professional Member in the Class of Associate for a significant time.

In order to *transfer* to this Grade, you must be in the Grade of a Professional Member in the Class of Associate. You are expected to be professionally active, and must also demonstrate substantial achievement

5.2

An applicant for direct election to the Grade of Professional Member in the Class of Fellow should:

This Regulation sets out the minimum requirements for direct election to the Grade of Professional Member in the Class of Fellow

5.2.1

be able to demonstrate that they have sufficient maturity, commitment, and contribution to the field of surface coatings and:

It is unlikely that applicants below the age of 35 will be able to demonstrate the levels of maturity, contribution, and commitment for Admission to the Professional Grade in the Class of Fellow

5.2.2

hold third party certificates and attestations of their formal training, professional development, and academic achievements

There are no formal requirements for certificates of education or qualification. It is expected, however, that you will have shown the ability to achieve the first cycle of the Bologna process by either examination or practice ('Bologna First Cycle' is equivalent to a Bachelors degree, and calls for credits of 360 hours of full time study, learning, or directed experience. Bologna First Cycle also corresponds to Level 6 of the Framework for Higher Educational Qualifications). 'Third party attestations' may include membership of a professional institute or body at the appropriate level, peer-reviewed publications, records of continuous professional development moderated either by the Association, or bodies with similar interests, and certificated achievement of benchmarks set by an authorised agency such as the Association, the British Coatings Federation (BCF), the Oil & Colour Chemists Association of Ontario (OCCO), the Paint Research Association (PRA), the South African Paint Manufacturers Association (SAPMA), the Materials Production and Supply National Skills Academy Surface Coating Profile professional level and member bodies of Coating Societies International (CSI). If you claim attestations, they must be personal to you, and traceable to a published standard.

5.3

Applications for transfer or direct election to the Grade of Professional Member in the Class of Fellow must be made on the application form. The application must be signed by the applicant and countersigned, as sponsors, by three professional Members of the Association in the Class of Fellow. All should be able to attest to the applicant's technical and scientific achievements. Sponsors will be required to complete a report on the applicant. Applicants may be required to attend at an interview.

The application form for Admission to the Grade can be downloaded as a PDF® document from <http://www.occa.org.uk/appforms.lasso> or obtained from the Association. The Association's Regulations require you to nominate three Professional Members in the Class of Fellow as sponsors. Before nominating them you should check that they are willing to recommend your application. The application should be signed by the sponsors before making your submission. Sponsors will be required to submit a report on the applicant. The completed application form should be sent to the Association using the address at the top of the form.

5.4

There is no application fee, but a successful applicant must pay and annual subscription to maintain membership

Once the Association has decided to admit you to the Grade, you will have to pay a subscription before your Admission becomes effective. Failure to pay the subscription renders the Admission null and void. Thereafter, if you wish to remain in Membership, you must pay an annual subscription which falls due on 1st.January. Failure to pay the annual subscription before the subsequent 31st.March will result in you being suspended from the Register of Members (the Register) unless, in the meantime, you pay your subscription and any arrears. You will remain suspended until the 31st.December in the year following your suspension after which you will be removed from the Register. Subsequent re-Admission may not be automatic and will be considered against the Regulations then current.

5.5

A Professional Member in the Class of Fellow shall receive a certificate of membership

As a member of the Grade, you will receive a certificate to commemorate your membership. This certificate remains the property of the Association and should be returned if you cease to be a member of the Association, or on request of the Association.

5.6

A Professional Member in the Class of Fellow is entitled to describe them self as a Fellow in the Technology of Surface Coatings and may use the designatory letters FTSC after their name, provided that they remain a Professional Member of the Association in the Class of Fellow

As a member of the Grade, you may describe yourself as a Fellow in the Technology of Surface Coatings and use the abbreviation FTSC after your name. If you resign or are deleted from membership of the association, neither will you be permitted to describe yourself as a Fellow in the Technology of Surface Coatings, nor use the abbreviation FTSC after your name.

The responsibilities of professional membership of the Association include a commitment to Continuous Professional Development through a formal route, and subscription to the Association's Code of Professional Conduct.