

Professional Membership (Licentiate)

Professional Membership in the Class of Licentiate is the basic Class of Professional Membership. It is suitable for newly qualified applicants without significant industrial experience, and for Ordinary Members wishing to enhance their professional recognition status

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An applicant for election to the Grade of professional Member in the Class of Licentiate should

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fulfill the conditions applicable to an Ordinary Member and; and

Application to the Licentiate Grade may be made by Ordinary Members, and those who would qualify for Ordinary Membership under the Regulations.

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hold a qualification on the following list:

- National Qualification Framework (NQF 2008) Levels 4 or above

- Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ 2008) Level C or above

- or equivalent or higher qualifications

and

In order to satisfy the academic qualifications, you should hold a qualification at Level 4 or above of the UK's National Qualification Framework, moderated by an authorized awarding body.

For guidance, 'NQF level 4' corresponds to an HND or HNC, or BTEC, or the BCF Technical Certificates at Level 4. Courses offering such qualifications typically demand at least 60 hours of guided learning after the completion of full time secondary education at 18.

'FHEQ Level C' is satisfactory completion of a one-year full-time equivalent study course in a relevant discipline after the completion of full time secondary education at 18.

The Association will recognise graduates of the Materials Production and Supply National Skills Academy at an appropriate level.

If you do not hold a suitable qualification or qualifications, the Association will make an assessment of your qualifications and recommend a remedial package if necessary.

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be, or have been, employed in a position relevant to the science or technology of surface coatings, covering a period of not less than two years

The Association is not looking for a position of responsibility in the science or technology of surface coatings, but expects you to be employed in, or have been employed by, a company that is within the surface coating sector. Employment or study within the academic sector is acceptable.

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An Ordinary Member of the Association may elect to apply for Admission to the Professional Grade in the Class of Licentiate at any time

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Application must be made on the application form. The application must be signed by the applicant and countersigned, as sponsors by two professional Members of the Association in the Class of Associate or Fellow.

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 two professional Members of the Association as sponsors. Before nominating them you should check that they are willing to recommend your application. Your sponsors must countersign the application form. If you do not know any Members of the Association who are able to sponsor your application, please contact the Membership Secretary who will be able to help you. Do not delay submitting your application because you cannot find any Members to countersign your application. The completed application form should be sent to the Association using the address at the top of the form.

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There is no application fee, but a successful applicant must pay an 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. 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.

3.5

A Professional Member in the Class of Licentiate 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.

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

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