

Registered Student

Student Registration is a first step in the development of a Member as a professional coatings scientist/technologist. Student Registration is open to all persons engaged in full or part-time education, leading to a qualification relevant to surface coatings. Special conditions apply to Registered Students and the benefits associated with the Grade may vary between different educational establishments, locations and the subscription paid.

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1.1

An applicant for Admission to the Grade of Registered Student must:

This Regulation sets out the minimum requirements for the Grade of Registered Student (the Grade)

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be undertaking a full or part time course leading to a qualification relevant to surface coatings; and,

Applicants must be studying at a recognized university, centre, or college, studying for a full-time or part-time qualification in a subject which is relevant to surface coatings. The course of study can lead to a BSc/BA degree or equivalent qualification, MSc or PhD. Part time distance learning courses, including those offered by the British Coatings Federation (BCF), the Paint Research Association (PRA), the Oil & Colour Chemists Association of Ontario (OCCO) and the South African Paint Manufacturers Association (SAPMA) are also relevant. If you are unsure of the eligibility of your course of studies, you should seek guidance from the Membership Secretary

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be aged 28 years or younger on application

You may not apply for Student Registration if you have already reached your 29th birthday. Once you have been Admitted as a Registered Student, you may retain your registration membership as long as you satisfy the requirements of Regulation 1.1.1. You do not have to give up your registration when you reach the age of 29. Applicants over the age of 28 should apply for the relevant Grade of membership.

1.2

Application for Admission to the Grade of Registered Student must be made on the official application form. The application form must be signed by the applicant and countersigned by two Members of the Association in the Grade of Ordinary Member, one of whom is able to confirm that the applicant is undertaking the course of studies claimed

The application form for Admission as a Registered Student can be downloaded as a PDF® document from <http://www.occa.org.uk/appforms.lasso> or obtained from the Association. The application form must be countersigned by two members of the Association one of whom must be familiar with the course of studies you are undertaking. If you do not know any Members of the Association who are able to countersign 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.

1.3

There is no application fee. However, a successful applicant shall pay an annual subscription to maintain registration

There is no fee payable on application. Following a successful application and annual fee becomes payable. The fee is normally waived in the first year of registration membership. In successive years, progressively higher fees are charged. Full details are provided on registration. On some courses the annual subscription is included in the course fee

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Registered Students are required to make an annual declaration that they are still undertaking their course of studies. Failure to make the declaration will result in the Registered Student being suspended from the Register

Each year the Association will write to you asking you to confirm that you are still undertaking a relevant course of studies. You should respond to this request, otherwise you may be suspended from the Register. You should also inform the Association when you complete your course of studies and the qualification, if any, you are awarded. The Association will then advise you what is the most appropriate Grade of Membership for you to transfer into.