Quick Guide to...

Member (Professional Body Route)

Please read in conjunction with the ICES website www.cices.org

A Member is a fully qualified civil engineering surveyor and a voting member of ICES. The institution strongly encourages members and fellows of other professional bodies, where there is a close match in the competency requirements, to apply for membership. These guidelines have been created to ease this transition by simplifying the documentation that applicants have to produce, whilst maintaining the standard of assessment required of all other applicants. This route assumes that a rigorous assessment of the applicant’s competency has been made by the original professional body.

Eligibility
Applicants must:
- Be a member or fellow of an appropriate professional body.
- Be able to demonstrate significant experience in the civil engineering or geospatial environment.

How to Apply
The Member application must include:
- Online application or upgrade form with details of two sponsors.
- Digital photograph.
- Principal sponsor’s form.
- A detailed CV.
- A narrative.
- Continuing professional development records for the last two years.
- The appropriate fee.
- A photocopy of the membership certificate of the existing professional body and of any relevant qualifications.

Relevant Professional Bodies
Applicants should check if their professional qualification is acceptable for this route before making an application. For example, members and fellows from the following professional bodies are currently accepted for this route by the institution:
- Australia: Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS), Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI).
- Hong Kong: Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS).
- Ireland: Society of Chartered Surveyors (SCS).
- New Zealand: New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS), New Zealand Institute of Surveyors (NZIS).
- United Kingdom: Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIarb), Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB).
(There are separate membership routes for Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) members and fellows.)

Construction Law Specialists
Applications are welcome from those with an active or advisory legal function, including lawyers and specialist construction practitioners, who work primarily with civil engineering contracts in regard to the formulation of contracts and settlement of claims and disputes. Competency is established by full membership of a professional legal body.
Detailed CV
The detailed CV is an opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge, understanding, range of skills and experience on the basis of a whole career description. The CV should include colleges and universities attended, qualifications gained as well as details of work experience. This should include any periods not in employment or employed in non or semi-related fields. The detailed CV for applications via this route should be 1,500-2,000 words long.

Narrative
Applicants should select six competencies that best suit their knowledge, skills and experience (please note, applicants do not need to include any of the general competencies). A brief (minimum half-page) narrative per competency to describe how, when and where the competency requirements were fulfilled should be included with the application. The six competencies should all be from the same specialism and should include at least two from the core and at least two from the specialist set. The remaining two can be taken from either the core or the specialist set. Please note that for commercial management applicants, one of the chosen six should be the Core 6 competency (techniques and technologies employed in civil engineering works).

In those specialisms with competencies that are not split into core or specialist sets, applicants should select any six from within that specialism. A quick guide to writing a narrative, and an example narrative, can be found on the website at www.cices.org/membership/quick guides

Continuing Professional Development Records
A record of continuing professional development (CPD) undertaken in the last two years. Guidance on how to put together suitable CPD records can be found in the ICES booklet Continuing professional development. The records may be submitted in any reasonable format including those required by other recognised professional bodies. CPD covers a whole range of learning activities including new skills gained at work, workshops, seminars, training courses, reading and mentoring.

Sponsors
All sponsors should have read the application details in full as they are vouching for the accuracy of these details as well as sponsoring the applicant as an individual. Sponsors may be members or fellows of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Chartered Institute of Building or other chartered construction sector UK professional body. Members and fellows from overseas professional bodies which have signed a memorandum of association or cooperation with ICES may also sponsor applications. ICES may check with the sponsor and their professional body to check the validity of the sponsorship being claimed.

Member Review
The institution will undertake a desktop review of the application. After a successful desktop review, the applicant will be called for a review interview.

The Education, Professional Development and Membership Committee confirms all applications before release.

Please return all requested documentation to the membership department at ICES head office.
Applicants should submit applications electronically via www.cices.org/forms