

Quick Guide to...

Technical Member (IMCA Accelerated Route)



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ICES welcomes applications for Technical Membership from those who have completed certain levels of the competency scheme of the International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA).

Eligibility

A Technical Member via the IMCA Accelerated Route will have:

- Evidence of having met the criteria of the IMCA competency scheme at level SO1, S11 or S21.
- Successfully completed the Technical Member review interview. (ICES reserves the right to carry out a short interview.)

How to Apply

The Technical Member application must include:

- Online application or upgrade form with details of two sponsors.
- Principal sponsor's form.
- Digital photograph.
- A detailed CV.
- The appropriate fee.

Technical Member Review Interview

The review is an informal half-hour interview with one examiner, during which the examiner will verify the application. The aim is to check the qualifications and experience claimed in the written application details. Whilst every effort is made to examine Technical Member applicants in their own region, ICES retains the right to direct applicants to other regions within reasonable travelling distance or to undertake the interview by telephone.

Review outcomes

The examiners produce a detailed report and make a recommendation to the Education, Professional Development and Membership Committee. Once this has been ratified the applicant is advised of the decision which may be:

- To request that the applicant be granted the grade of Technical Member.
- To recommend a deferral. A deferral signifies that the examiners would like to see evidence of a specific nature before recommending that the grade of membership applied for is granted. A deferral could involve writing a report on a technical matter on the basis of a question that was not fully answered during the interview. In some cases it can be a matter of producing further CPD records or successfully completing a short course. Examiners provide guidance that the conditions of the deferral should be completed within a specific time frame (usually 3, 6 or 12 months).
- To recommend a referral. A referral highlights specific areas of experience or expertise relating to the competencies that have not been fully demonstrated during the interview. In the case of a referral, the applicant will be given specific reasons why the referral has been given and will be given the chance of another interview, re-examining specific aspects that are deficient. The examiners may suggest a specific period before a re-interview should take place. This will not exceed two years.

Deferrals and referrals are comparatively rare for Technical Member applicants as the application is not put forward for a review interview unless it appears to meet the requirements in full. Applicants who receive a deferral or referral will be offered the grade of Affiliate until such time as the application has succeeded.

The Education, Professional Development and Membership Committee confirms all applications before they are released.

Applications should be submitted electronically via www.cices.org/forms