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# **ICT** Tech



### **REWARDING YOUR SKILLS**

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## PROFESSIONAL STATUS

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN (ICTTech).

Are you a budding ICT practitioner developing the skills and experience that will make you a valuable member of any ICT team? Do you see yourself working in a role where your understanding and application of ICT principles make a real difference and your efforts are properly appreciated? If so then you should also be seriously thinking of getting a foothold on the professional ladder by applying for UK registration as ICT Technician (ICTTech).



# WHY REGISTER?

The letters 'ICT*Tech*' after your name mark you out as a skilled professional Technician in the world of ICT.

### These are the benefits of the status you enjoy:

- Recognition of your expertise and hard work
   Only ICTTechs can use the letters 'ICTTech' after their name. This marks them out as ICT professionals.
- Improved career prospects
   The ICTTech award demonstrates
   to employers that the holder has
   met the requirements of a nationally
   recognised standard.
- Greater influence within your organisation and industry ICTTechs command respect.
   Because of their knowledge and experience they take everyday ICT challenges in their stride – which adds value to the services they offer.
- Access to life-long learning ICTTechs are kept fully up-to-date on the latest technical developments and are provided with many opportunities to add to their skills.

### How you get there

If you don't already belong to a professional institution you should join one as soon as possible. If you want to become an ICTTech you need to become a member of a professional institution that can register ICTTechs – see: www.engc.org.uk

Staff at your professional institution will advise you, and when you are ready to apply for registration as an ICTTech, you will need to submit details about your qualifications and/or experience. The sort of evidence you need to provide is not unlike the information you supply when applying for a job.

The costs of membership and of ICTTech registration are not high – and some employers will pay the fees for you. Professional institution websites include a table of fees as well as information about what support and other benefits you will receive in return for your subscriptions. These often include job-finder services, training opportunities, a free magazine and opportunities to meet other ICTTechs and other colleagues, including experts in your field, on and off-line.

If you have any questions or difficulties at all – email or talk to someone at your chosen professional institution.

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### Qualifications and experience

The ICT Technician Standard (available at: www.engc.org.uk) describes the competences you need to be able to demonstrate in order to apply for ICT Tech. It also offers examples of the kinds of evidence that you might need.

- Your professional institution can provide you with further advice on which qualifications and what sort of experience is required. There is no exam involved, but some professional institutions will interview applicants or visit them in their workplace.
- Registering as an ICTTech can be very straightforward especially if you hold an Advanced or Modern Apprenticeship based on ICT practice.
- Other level 3 (6 in Scotland) ICT (practitioner) qualifications may also help your application as, for example, may certificates issued for attending training courses.

- All applicants must be working at a technician level and evidence of your working experience must be provided whether or not you have any relevant qualifications. Guidance on technician level can be found in section C of the ICT Technician Standard (available at: www.engc.org.uk).
- Because working experience is seen as so important, you are welcome to apply for ICTTech registration if you do not have any relevant qualifications. Your application will be considered on an individual basis and may take a little longer. You are more likely to be asked to interview or to undergo a workplace assessment.

To take the first steps towards becoming an ICT*Tech* go to: www.engc.org.uk





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