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PROFESSIONAL STATUS

Do you have the skills and experience to solve practical engineering problems? Are you a professional with supervisory or technical responsibility, who knows how to apply safe systems of working? Do you make a valuable contribution to the design, development, manufacture, commissioning, decommissioning, operation or maintenance of products, equipment, processes or services?

If so, then you should be seriously thinking of gaining the professional title Engineering Technician (EngTech).

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WHY REGISTER?

Engineering Technicians play a crucial role in a range of jobs across every branch of the engineering profession. The letters 'EngTech' after your name mark you out as a skilled professional engineer. Customers - and the public more widely - are likely to have a higher level of confidence in individuals holding an official qualification.

These are the benefits of the status you enjoy:

- **Recognised standard of competence**
EngTech is a nationally and internationally recognised standard of competence. In an increasingly globalised economy this recognition is vitally important to employers.
- **Improved career prospects**
Employers want an easily identifiable way of knowing whether potential employees are qualified and experienced. The EngTech award clearly demonstrates that the holder has experience, drive and commitment and is a competent, registered professional.
- **Status and recognition**
Surveys show that Engineering Technicians place a high value on their award, and welcome the status and recognition it brings. Engineering Technicians command respect within their organisation and industries.
- **Access to life-long learning and networks**
To register as an EngTech you will need to belong to a professional engineering institution. Members are kept fully up-to-date on the latest technical developments and are provided with many opportunities to add to their skills and to network with other professional engineers. Additional benefits include a regular magazine and job-finder services.
- **Potential career progression**
As their careers develop, Engineering Technicians may go on to become qualified as Incorporated Engineers (IEng).

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How you get there

1 If you don't already belong to an engineering institution make joining one your first priority. As a member you will be able to apply for EngTech registration. The cost of institution membership is not high and your current or future employer may agree to pay it for you. The institution you choose is most likely to be one that relates to your training and/or your area of work. For a full list see: www.engc.org.uk/institutions. If you are unsure about which one to choose, you can ask for advice from the institutions or use the enquiry form at:
www.engc.org.uk/registration/RegistrationEnquiry.aspx

2 To achieve EngTech you will need to demonstrate that you have the technical and personal competence required and are committed to keeping up to date. Requirements and examples of how to demonstrate your competence can be found in the UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence (UK-SPEC) at:
www.engc.org.uk/ukspec

3 When you are ready to register as an EngTech, your institution will check that you have the required competence – which will basically involve looking at your experience and any qualifications you may hold. Some institutions might also request an on-the-job discussion or another kind of 'interview'. Many institutions will be able to provide you with a mentor and all will provide individual guidance.

Qualifications and experience

Registering as an EngTech can be very straightforward, especially if you have particular qualifications.

For example, completion of an appropriate Advanced/Modern Apprenticeship or equivalent work-based programme may fulfil all of the EngTech competence requirements and so can lead directly to engineering technician registration.

Many other qualifications may also be acceptable as evidence. They include qualifications set at or above level 3 in the Qualifications and Credit Framework (or level 6 in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) which have been approved by a licensed professional engineering institution. Holding them will simplify the registration process, as long as you can also demonstrate that you have acquired the necessary competence through your work.

Each professional institution has a list of programmes and qualifications which it has approved. The more recent and current of these can also be found on the Engineering Council's database of approved programmes and qualifications, at:

www.engc.org.uk

No approved qualifications?

If you do not have an approved qualification this certainly does not bar you from registration. The profession recognises that you can acquire knowledge and skills in other ways. The institution you join will be able to advise you on how to present evidence of this.

To take the first step towards becoming an Engineering Technician go to: **www.engc.org.uk/engtech** where you will also find case studies.



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