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CASE STUDY

My name is Steve Eley and I am the Large Goods Vehicle Manager in a distribution centre, operating in-house vehicle maintenance. I am responsible for the management, legal compliance and budgetary control of a fleet of 275 vehicles and its associated workforce.

I began my career as an apprentice diesel fitter with National Carriers Ltd and went on to work with Vauxhall Motors Commercial Division and Rolls Royce Cars Ltd.

I decided to enlist in the army as a vehicle mechanic with the Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (REME). Due to my experience and qualifications, I took an exemption exam during basic training and was fast-tracked for training courses. I went on to pass Artificer selection and completed various BTEC and HND engineering modules.

I was unfamiliar with professional institutes and felt I had little incentive to register with the Engineering Council. However, I realised that if I wanted to continue my career in transport engineering upon leaving the army, I needed to convert my military and civilian qualifications into a recognised standard.

The Society of Operations Engineers (SOE) offered this option and I began the process of joining its Professional Sector, the Institute of Road Transport Engineers (IRTE). Registration was straightforward: I had to provide evidence of qualifications, some personal statements and a workplace review was also conducted.

Since gaining professional registration, my career has benefited a great deal and I continue to build experience via SOE membership. I attend SOE regional presentations and keep abreast of industry developments through the magazines. This reinforces the experience and acknowledgement my EngTech status gives me, keeping my skills current.

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