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I am currently employed by Bristol Water as a Technical Assistant, working on projects such as Mains Cleansing, Streetworks and Water Efficiency. Following fourteen years in manufacturing, I consider myself a relative newcomer to the water industry, with only five years experience.

Having recently been introduced to the Institute of Water, I was made aware of Professional Registration for Engineers and Technicians. Although I have a BSc (Hons) Technology Degree from the Open University, I felt that professional review and registration would prove that my experience and skills are to a professional standard.

The process allowed me time to reflect on what I have gained in terms of knowledge and skills and build my CPD (Continuing Professional Development) plan. I did find that although I have relatively limited experience within the industry compared to many of my peers, I was able to successfully demonstrate my competence against the UK-SPEC requirements, and I am now registered as an Engineering Technician.

Having completed this process, I am continuing to follow and develop my CPD plan. My aim is to work towards Incorporated Engineer (IEng), and possibly Chartered Environmentalist in coming years. I urge Institute members, employed at any level in the Water Industry, to think about becoming professionally qualified in order to prove their competence and strengthen their career prospects.

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