

Alan McKenzie IEng MEI

CASE STUDY

Alan McKenzie IEng MEI, aged 36, is a Subsea Construction Lead for BP, and works on subsea developments for BP's Global Projects Organisation where he is responsible for subsea oil & gas infrastructure construction for allocated projects. He joined the Energy Institute (EI) in 2008 and upgraded his membership to professional status (MEI) and Engineering Council registration (IEng) in 2011.

'I had over 10 years of engineering experience when I applied for IEng status. Work colleagues recognised my experience and capability, but I felt IEng status would be a formal recognition of this. As it is all about competence in the job role, IEng is as important (and perhaps even more so) as an academic qualification for establishing trust in you as an engineer.'

'In my role, I am expected to lead by example and to be a respected authority in what I say and do. IEng MEI status combined with my experience and academic qualifications commands respect from my peers and makes for better working relationships. My engineering role with BP is all about harnessing oil and gas energy reserves. I'm also interested in renewables technologies and their realisation – so the EI is a perfect match.'

'The application process was well organised and straightforward. The EI website provides very good guidance and I found staff to be knowledgeable and helpful. I definitely believe that IEng is suited to all engineering roles in the energy industry where practical application is the key to problem solving, and I would recommend it to anyone.'

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