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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATE SCHEME

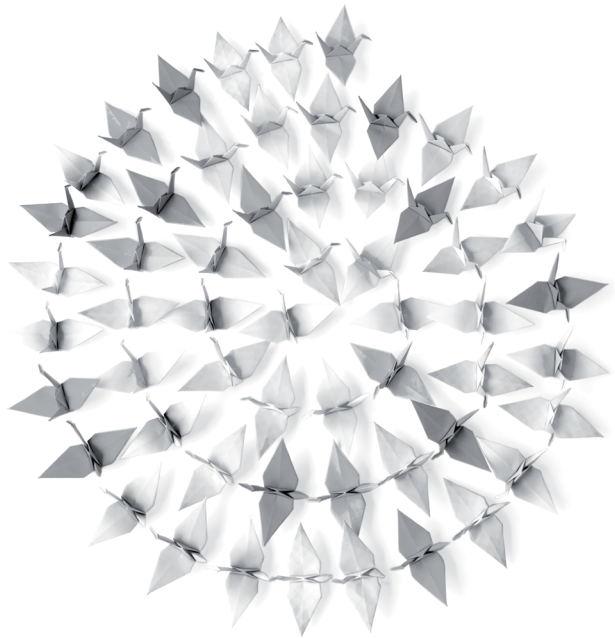
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SO WHAT IS A PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATE?

The Professional Affiliates of the Engineering Council are an influential grouping of learned societies, each of which has furthered the knowledge and understanding of a particular area or aspect of engineering and technology. Affiliation is recognition of the contribution these organisations have made in their different fields of expertise.



Be part of a bigger scene

As a Professional Affiliate of the Engineering Council your association is no longer just one among many, often much larger, professional bodies. You become part of a group whose combined membership and association with the Engineering Council – the profession’s national regulator – gives it real authority within the engineering community and beyond.

Specifically, affiliation gives your association:

- greater influence to support and influence the general objectives of the Engineering Council and the wider engineering profession;
- entry to Engineering Council meetings and seminars where you can network with MPs, government officials, top industrialists, leading academics and senior members of major engineering institutions;
- the opportunity to participate in Engineering Council-organised working groups and forums dealing with key issues affecting the profession;
- regular briefing sessions by Engineering Council staff;
- access to the minutes from key Engineering Council meetings and to a wealth of valuable information on its Extranet;
- your organisation’s name and contact details prominently displayed in a dedicated section of the Engineering Council website – which receives thousands of hits every day – with a direct link to your own site;
- the facility to check the professional engineering qualifications held by your members;
- use of the Engineering Council logo on your letterhead.

Affiliation also affords you the opportunity to test your procedures and standards for membership against the UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence (UK-SPEC), which the Engineering Council introduced in 2003 and has been fully endorsed by the profession. This might lead to your association becoming one of the Engineering Council’s Licensed Engineering Institutions, allowing you to assess members for inclusion on the register of Chartered Engineers, Incorporated Engineers, Engineering Technicians and Information and Communications Technology Technicians. Several Professional Affiliates have gained licensed status.

What do you need to prove?

Your association will only be granted Professional Affiliate status if, in the opinion of the Engineering Council, this is in the interests of the engineering profession and the public at large. To be considered, you must be an organisation that:

- accepts individuals as members without discrimination, provided they satisfy admission requirements based on knowledge or competence;
- shares the Engineering Council's aim of promoting the science and practice of engineering;
- is an autonomous, UK based and registered organisation or the self-funded and self-governing UK chapter of an international body;
- has existed for a minimum of five years – or was created through the merger of other bodies, one of which has been in existence for at least this length of time;
- is stable and financially viable;
- prescribes standards of conduct for its members that are acceptable to the Engineering Council;
- is not a trade association or employee syndicate or – in the opinion of the Engineering Council – overly engaged in activities that are normally carried out by employers' organisations or trade unions.

How much and how long?

The annual subscription paid by a Professional Affiliate is normally equal to 0.5% of its subscription income, subject to a minimum of £500 and a maximum of £1000. Special terms may be agreed where the engineering membership of an organisation is in a minority.

Professional Affiliate status is initially valid for five years, and is then renewable at the Engineering Council's discretion.

Making an application

To apply to join the Professional Affiliate scheme please write or email us with the following information:

- the full name of your organisation;
- contact details, including phone number and postal and email addresses;
- a list of officers and key staff, indicating their broad responsibilities;
- your organisation's governance documents;
- your three most recent annual reports and summary accounts;
- an organisation chart;
- your membership grades and criteria;
- number of members (specifying how many are Engineering Council registrants, if known);
- links with other engineering organisations;
- details of learned body activities.

Applications and requests for further information should be made to:

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Comments from Professional Affiliates

“Being an Engineering Council Professional Affiliate is of great benefit to our members. It enables us to keep abreast of relevant professional standards and contribute to the engineering profession. Whilst we are a step away from being fully licensed (but aspire to that status), we have an agreement to enable our members to become registered as EngTech, IEng or CEng.”

“Generally being an Engineering Council Professional Affiliate has worked out well for the Institute since we joined in 2001. The contacts with staff have been stimulating and useful. In addition meeting people from other Institutions has been highly beneficial.”



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