

Construction Industry Professional Bodies

Professional bodies are organisations made up of individuals from a specific sector - in this case, the construction sector - who are responsible for ensuring construction professionals maintain adequate standards of training and ethics. They also offer routes to becoming fully chartered.

Here, we explain how to gain chartership, the benefits of becoming a member and the renowned professional bodies that construction graduates can become a member of.

What is the Royal Institution of British Architects?

The Royal Institution of British Architects (RIBA) is a body that represents British architect professionals who work within the built environment, and it's a full member of the Construction Industry Council. RIBA has over 44,000 members. They focus on the advancement and promotion of architecture and are committed to maintaining high quality, design and customer service.

There are six grades of membership - Student, Affiliate, Associate Member, Chartered Member, Fellow and Chartered Practice.

What is the Chartered Institute of Building?

The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) is a body that represents construction management professionals who work within the built environment, and it's a full member of the Construction Industry Council. The CIOB has over 45,000 members worldwide from a wide range of professional disciplines. CIOB members are construction professionals with a common commitment to achieving and maintaining the highest possible standards

There are five grades of membership - Student, Associate, Incorporate, Member and Fellow.

What is the Institution of Civil Engineers?

The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) is an independent professional association representing more than 80,000 members around the world. The majority of current members are British, but it has members in more than 150 countries around the world.

ICE's purpose is to support and promote professional learning for students and practitioners, to manage professional ethics, to safeguard the status of engineers and to represent the interests of the profession in dealings with the government and other bodies.

There are eight grades of membership - Student, Graduate, Technician Member, Associate Member, Member, Fellow, Affiliate and Companion.

What is the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors?

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) is an independent, representative professional body, which regulates over 118,000 construction and property professionals worldwide.

RICS provides many education and training standards including The APC, which is made up of a written submission and a professional interview. The APC is an internationally recognised qualification that will increase your status in the sector that you operate in.

There are six grades of membership - Graduate, Associate, Senior Professional, Adaptation, Academic and Affiliate.

What is the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers?

With over 20,000 members across 98 countries around the world, The Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) is an authority on building services engineering, as well as an authority on promoting the career of engineers by offering accredited courses and higher education.

There are eight grades of membership - Student, Graduate, Licentiate Member, Associate Member, Member, Fellow, Affiliate and Companion.

What is the Association of Project Management?

The Association of Project Management (APM) has over 21,150 members worldwide and provides leadership to organisations and individuals who work within project management.

The APM offers five accredited qualifications - the Introductory Certificate, the APMP, the APMP for PRINCE2 Practitioners, the Practitioner Qualification and the Risk Management Certificate. These qualifications are recognised throughout the world and help to demonstrate to employers, clients and suppliers that you're a skilled and committed project professional.

There are four grades of membership - Student, Associate, Full Member and Fellow.