



THE INSTITUTION OF FIRE ENGINEERS
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Upgrade your membership

Your opportunity to progress

Do you aspire to achieve an advanced level of membership? Do you think your experience meets the professional membership criteria of a higher grade? If so, then why not submit an application to upgrade now? Upgrading your membership provides you with recognition for your quality related skills, experience and achievements; improving your career prospects. You will also be provided with letters after your name, representing your particular grade of membership which shows your commitment to quality and demonstrates your achievements.

What is the appropriate level of membership for me?

IFE membership is based around the amount of experience and any qualifications which you have attained. The requirements for each grade of membership are summarised below:

Technician Grade (TIFireE)

Applicants for **Technician** grade membership will have:

- achieved the IFE Level 3 Certificate, (or have passed the required two papers from the former Intermediate examinations), or
- the relevant academic qualifications to the level of NVQ level 3, or the UK FSEB Sub Officer / DFRS Junior Officer 2 examinations, and
- the necessary experience required to demonstrate that they meet the vocational competence requirements for this grade, and
- the submission of a Professional Review Report.

Graduate Grade (GIFireE)

Applicants for **Graduate** grade membership will have:

- achieved the IFE Level 3 Diploma (or have passed the required four papers from the former Graduate examinations), or
- the relevant academic qualifications to the level of NVQ 3 Diploma or UK FSEB Station Officer examinations, and
- three years of acceptable training and responsible experience in Fire Engineering

Associate Grade (AIFireE)

Applicants for **Associate** grade membership will have:

- achieved the IFE Level 4 Certificate (or have passed the required four papers from the former Member examinations), or
- the relevant academic qualifications to this level from a recognised university or institution of higher education, and
- the support of two corporate grade referees

Member Grade (MIFireE)

Applicants for **Member** grade membership will have:

- achieved the IFE Level 4 Certificate (or have passed the required four papers from the former Member examinations), or
- the relevant academic qualifications to this level from a recognised university or institution of higher education, and
- the necessary experience to demonstrate that they meet the vocational competence requirements for this grade (recommended as a minimum of five years within a responsible role), and
- the support of two corporate grade referees, and
- the submission of a Professional Review Report, and
- two years of CPD prior to the application

Fellow Grade (FIFireE)

Fellow grade is only available to existing Members (MIFireE) of the IFE. Successful applicants will have demonstrated significant individual responsibility, sustained achievement and exceptional professionalism during their career.

The Mature Candidate Route

In addition to the above requirements to membership, the IFE also offer a **Mature Candidate Route**, which can be used for entry to **Technician**, **Graduate** and **Member** grades. This route is available for those persons who do not have the academic qualifications required for membership of the IFE but who are able to demonstrate that in later life, they have achieved a standard of professional competence comparable to their contemporaries who have achieved their grade of membership by the academic route.

How to apply for an upgrade?

Please download the application form and the guidance document entitled '*Membership rules for titles and grades*' from the website which will provide detailed information about the requirements of membership for each grade. Application forms can be downloaded from the website at the following page: www.ife.org.uk/membership/whichgrade.

If you are a member of a non-UK branch please download the application form and submit the completed form with supporting evidence directly to your branch. Branch contact details can be found on the IFE website at www.ife.org.uk/branches.

If you are not a member of a non-UK branch please complete the application form and return it with supporting evidence by post to:

The Professional Standards Office
The Institution of Fire Engineers
London Road,
Moreton-in-Marsh,
Gloucestershire, GL56 0RH,
United Kingdom

Engineering Council Registration

The IFE is a licensed member of the Engineering Council and can register those members that meet the necessary criteria as Chartered Engineers (CEng), Incorporated Engineers (IEng) or Engineering Technicians (EngTech).

Applicants for registration are required to satisfy the competence standards set by Engineering Council and laid down in UK-SPEC (UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence). Interim registration is also possible for applicants who have met the educational standards for registration but who have not yet gained the experience to satisfy the professional competences for full registration.

Further details can be found on the website at: www.ife.org.uk/engineeringcouncil.

Would you like help with your application?

We can provide guidance and support for applicants to complete their membership form and on other areas such as acceptable qualifications. So if you have any questions, please call the membership department on +44 (0)1608 812 580 or +44 (0)1608 812 583 or email membership@ife.org.uk or info@ife.org.uk.

IFE Examinations

IFE also holds worldwide examinations in March each year. These examinations are a great way to help applicants attain the academic achievements to progress through the grades of membership. Information about these exams is available on the website at the following page: www.ife.org.uk/exams or by contacting the examinations department by email at exams@ife.org.uk.