

IFE Rules of Membership

1. Titles and Grades

The IFE draws a distinction between titles and grades of membership. Titles are awarded to persons and organisations who have an interest in the objectives of the IFE, or to members who have made a considerable personal contribution to the IFE's objectives. The grades of membership form the framework for recognition of professional development.

2. Titles

The IFE awards the following titles:

- a. The title of Affiliate is available for organisations, or individuals with an interest in fire engineering who have not, at this stage, met the requirements of a membership grade.
- b. The Companion title is a premier title that can only be made by a nomination. It is a title that is awarded to members of any grade who have given outstanding service to the IFE and/or to an IFE branch and/or to the profession of fire engineering. Members that have been awarded the Companion title retain their original IFE grade. For example, a Companion Graduate member may use the post nominal letters CGIFireE.

Title	Post Nominal Letters
Affiliate Individual	N/A
Affiliate Organisation	N/A
Companion	'C' added to start of IFE post nominals (e.g. CGIFireE)

3. Grades

The grades are prescribed in the IFE's Schedule of By-Laws and provide for both corporate and non-corporate membership. Corporate grades, Technician and Graduate grades receive voting rights as per the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The IFE encourages all fire engineers to continually develop their membership status and to engage with IFE activities. Post nominal letters may only be used by current, fully paid-up members.

The IFE will take action in the event of unauthorised use of post nominal letters, including continued use despite non-payment of subscriptions.

a. Corporate Grades

Grade	Post Nominal Letters
Associate	AFireE
Member	MFireE
Fellow	FIFireE
Life Fellow	FIFireE (Life)

b. Non-Corporate Grades

Grade	Post Nominal Letters
Student	None
Technician	TIFireE
Graduate	GIFireE

Candidates applying for membership grades, or to transfer between grades, will be expected to provide appropriate evidence of eligibility. There are general requirements for membership as well as specific requirements for each grade of membership.

4. Requirements for Membership

- a. Adherence to the IFE's Code of Conduct policy
(https://www.ife.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/Membership/IFE_Code_of_Conduct.pdf)
- b. Compliance with the principles of the IFE's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Guidance
([https://www.ife.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/Membership/Continuing_Professional_Development_\(CPD\)_Guidance.pdf](https://www.ife.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/Membership/Continuing_Professional_Development_(CPD)_Guidance.pdf))

5. Requirements for Entry to Specific Grades of Membership

Please see <https://www.ife.org.uk/Membership> for specific grade requirements

6. Engineering Council Registration

The Engineering Council has five sections of registration:

- a. Chartered Engineer (CEng) www.ife.org.uk/Join/Chartered-Engineer .



- b. Interim Registrant for Chartered Engineer www.ife.org.uk/Join/InterimCEng
- c. Incorporated Engineer (IEng) www.ife.org.uk/Join/IncorporatedEngineer
- d. Interim Registrant for Incorporated Engineer www.ife.org.uk/Join/InterimIEng
- e. Engineering Technician (EngTech) www.ife.org.uk/Join/EngineeringTechnician

Successful applicants for Engineering Council registration are automatically granted an appropriate grade of membership.

Engineering Council Section	IFE Membership Grade Automatically Granted	Post Nominal Letters
Chartered Engineer	Member	CEng MIFireE
Interim Registration for Chartered Engineer	Associate	AIFireE
Incorporated Engineer	Member	IEng MIFireE
Interim Registration for Incorporated Engineer	Associate	AIFireE
Engineering Technician	Technician	EngTech TIFireE

In the circumstance of a member already being in a higher-level IFE membership grade than the grade automatically conferred at time of registration, then the higher IFE grade remains in place. For example, should a Fellow member (FIFireE) successfully be registered as a Chartered Engineer (CEng), they would retain Fellow membership and be able to use the post nominal letters CEng FIFireE.

7. Subscriptions

- a. Annual membership subscriptions fall due on 1st January each year. A renewal notice is sent to all members each year.
- b. New members joining in the last three months of the calendar year are only required to pay for the subsequent year's subscription and effectively receive three months of membership in their year of joining free of charge.
- c. Non-payment of subscriptions results in the member being struck off the membership list and losing the privileges of membership, including the right to use the distinctive titles and post nominal letters. Members who wish to



re-join may be charged an administrative fee.

- d. Subscription fees are set by the Board and are reviewed annually.
- e. Where a local branch exists outside the UK, annual subscriptions are payable to the local branch, which may retain fifty percent of the subscription to support local IFE activities. The remainder is remitted to the IFE's Headquarters to fund central membership expenses such as the International Fire Professional journal and administration.

8. Membership of IFE Branches

- a. The IFE has many local branches and groups established internationally, as well as Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- b. Membership of the IFE is not conditional on membership of any geographical branch, or any Special Interest Group
- c. Membership of an IFE branch, group or Special Interest Group is conditional on membership of the main body of the IFE
- d. In some cases, additional fees are payable to be a member of a local branch of the IFE. Such fees are usually minimal and lead to considerable benefits, such as access to CPD activities, professional networks, potential mentors and social activities

9. Code of Conduct

As laid down in the IFE's By-Laws, any member of the IFE may be suspended, asked to resign, or struck off the membership roll if, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, the member is guilty of dishonourable or unprofessional conduct. Please refer to the IFE's Code of Conduct:

(https://www.ife.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/Membership/IFE_Code_of_Conduct.pdf)

10. Acceptable Behaviours Policy

We have introduced an Acceptable Behaviours Policy which is applicable to all staff and IFE members as we aim to preserve a healthy and positive environment through which the best interests of all members can be assured. The Acceptable Behaviour Policy states:

"In the course of their work and when dealing with others, all persons to whom this policy applies must treat all other persons fairly, with dignity and respect and should conduct themselves in a

professional, honest and courteous manner. They should promote equality, diversity and inclusion and should not discriminate unlawfully.

They must also act professionally in relation to any content that they publish in the public domain, including without limitation, articles, blogs and all social media. They shall not advertise or write articles in any manner that is derogatory to the Institution or their profession nor authorise or endorse articles of this nature published by others. They must use all forms of spoken, written and digital communications, including social media, responsibly in line with this statement.”