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ACostE Membership The Benefits

How do we measure how proficient we are ?

Employers may ask themselves:

- How good is my team?
- Do they have the right knowledge and competence level I need them to have?
- Am I helping them to develop?

Employees may wonder:

- Do I have the right skills to do the best job I can today?
- What skills will I need to develop to enhance my career?

Clients may challenge their suppliers:

- How good are your teams' skills?
- How good are your suppliers' skills?

Training Providers should want to know:

- Is my course delivering the right knowledge to allow attendees to develop their skills appropriately?

The Association of Cost Engineers
may have the answer for you

Who are ACostE?



- We represent the professional interests of those with responsibility, at all levels, for the prediction, planning and control of resources and cost for activities that involve engineering, manufacturing and construction. This covers a wide diversity of disciplines and represents all groups in Project Controls Professionals.
- Our main membership base is centred in the UK, Ireland, Hong Kong and Russia. However we had at the last count members in 44 different countries.

Cost Engineers	Project Control Managers	Quantity Surveyors
Planning Engineers	Accountants	Quality Assurance Managers
Value Engineers	Estimators	Commercial Managers
Risk Managers	Business Managers	Contracts Engineers

Our Objectives



- The promotion and development of Cost Engineering as a recognised discipline of engineering technology
- To provide means to develop, exchange and disseminate standards, methods and data relating to Cost Engineering
- To provide recognised standards of attainment in the practise of Cost Engineering
- To set up and maintain proper standards of ethics of its members in the practice of Cost Engineering
- To sponsor, support and engage in education and vocational training to assist in the recruitment and advancement of Cost Engineers, and those associated with the profession.
- To provide and support a range of qualifications /accreditation through to certified /chartered status, and to monitor and encourage continuous professional development (CPD).
- To work closely with industry & commerce to ensure that Cost Engineering and its professionals are key in ensuring improved efficiency and continued economic development.
- To co-operate with other UK & International bodies having objectives cognate with those of the Association, and to liaise with other similar bodies for the purpose of the reciprocal exchange of information.
- As a member of ICEC (The International Cost Engineering Council) assist in the continued development of the profession for benefit of all.
- To promote and support networking via the running of seminars, conferences or meetings and all other forms of communication to pursue the objectives
- Provide access to information and professional expertise

Activities of ACostE



Established committees to fulfil specific functions of the Association, including

- Regional Committees
- Admissions
- Engineering Registration
- Education and Training
- International Affairs
- Cost Indices
- Engineering Manufacturing
- Accreditation and Certification

The proceedings of activities are reported, together with other material of interest in the journal of the Association (Project Control Professional), which is published in alternate months.



Membership



- Membership of ACostE is divided into different levels depending on experience, level of seniority held, contribution to the art and science of Project Control, recognised professional Project Control qualification

Levels of membership



- **Honorary Fellow** – Bestowed on a distinguished person whom ACostE wishes to honour.
- **Fellow** – Held a position of superior responsibility for at least six years
- **Member** – Training and practical experience in Project Control who has held a post of professional responsibility for at least five years, and who either has a QCF 5 (or 15 years experience)
- **Graduate** – Holds HNC/HND/ Degree in an Engineering discipline, or QCF 3 and receiving training.
- **Student** – Pursuing a Project Controls qualification
- **Associate** – Holds an interest in Project Control and wishes to participate in the activities of ACostE, but do not have the qualifications specified
- **Companion** – Person of suitable standing who has been, or continues to be of help and assistance to ACostE whom they wish to acknowledge as an expression of gratitude.

Why become Accredited?



The Association of Cost Engineers offers professional qualifications in the Estimating, Planning, Cost Engineering and Commercial support disciplines of the Project Control industry.

Accreditation Levels are benchmarked to the Engineering Council UK Spec, ie CEng and IEng one of the key selling points for the non Engineer.

Based on the National Occupational Standards, these qualifications can be awarded over a range of professional levels, from entry to upper management, to suit individual experience and knowledge

The framework allows you to start with minimal academic qualifications and experience and progress in steps through to Certified Professional status, or jump straight in higher up the scale.

This is your opportunity to demonstrate how good you are to your employers, Clients and the industry

Benefits of Accreditation to the Business

Provides a level of Quality Assurance

- External accreditation provides a 'quality assurance' measure in relation to staff competence and promotes professionalism
- It provides assurance that the employee has satisfied a rigorous assessment of their competence in the activities in which they are engaged
- It provides a means of satisfying some of the requirements of Quality Management Systems standards such as ISO 9001:2008
- By promoting and supporting accreditation of professional staff, businesses are improving their technical credibility with customers
- Creates a level of confidence in the calibre of a supplier's staff from a customer / client perspective

Benefits of Accreditation to the Business

Continuous Improvement

- Stimulates the sharing of knowledge and best practice across organisations by reference to defined standards
- Brings an external perspective on the skills required across other sectors and industries

Investment in Ongoing Staff Development

- Defines the standards expected of how of our staff operate – now and in the future
- Provides recognition of a person's ability to perform at an accepted standard
- Provides a competency road map for future development

Benefits of Accreditation to the Business

Resource Planning, Recruitment and Retention of Staff

- Provides visibility of the depth and distribution of skills across the business – aids capacity and workload planning
- Provides an independent measure of competency as an aid to recruitment
- Can be an aid to recruitment as it signals that the business values the development of its staff
 - ... and may also improve staff retention
- Indicates where staff have transferable skills to support other roles (cost estimating, cost engineering, planning and project controls)

Benefits of Accreditation to the Individual

Self Esteem

- Raises the profile of Estimators, Cost Engineers, Planner / Schedulers and Project Control Professionals within the businesses in which they work
- Provides parity with other professions such as Finance, Project Management and Engineering who have well-established accreditation programmes

Career Development

- Provides recognition of an individual's ability to perform to an agreed externally recognised standard
- Encourages personal development and widens the choice of career pathways open to an individual



Levels of Accreditation

Your route to gaining full professional recognition at the following levels.

Enrolled: ECostE(Est), ECostE(Cst), ECostE(Pln) or ECostE (ProjC)

Registered: RCostE(Est), RCostE(Cst), RCostE(Pln) or RCostE (ProjC)

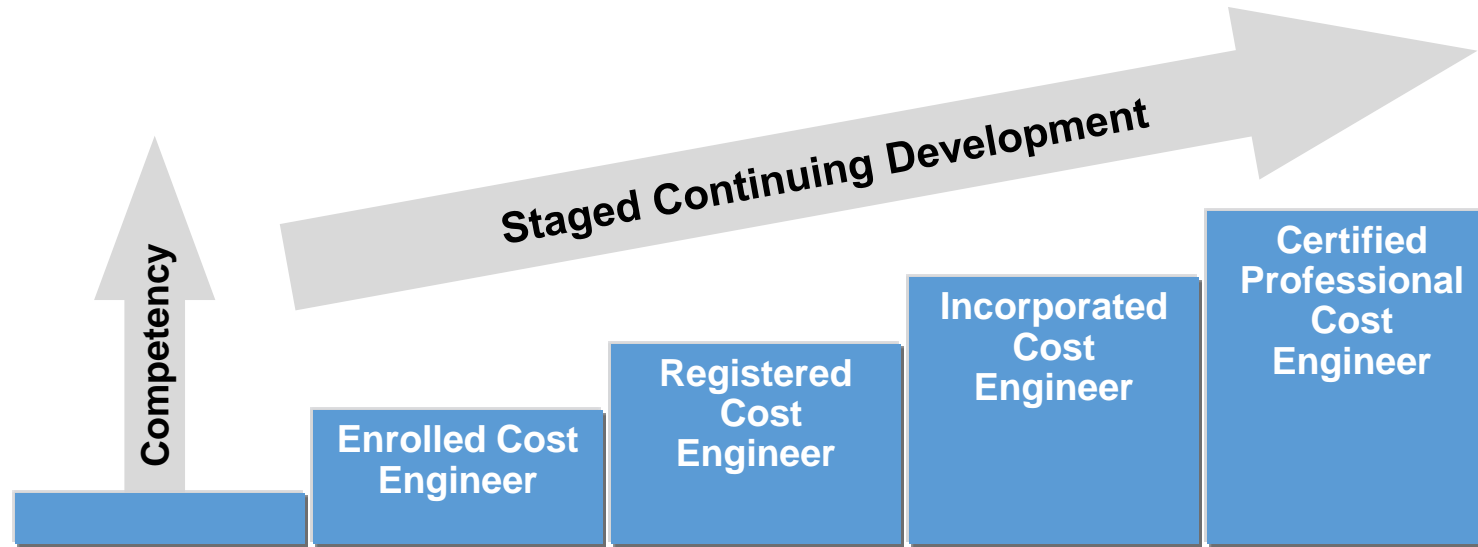
Incorporated: ICostE(Est), ICostE(Cst), ICostE(Pln) or ICostE (ProjC)

Certified Professional: CPCostE(Est), CPCostE(Cst), CPCostE(Pln), CPCostE (ProjC) or CCE

Chartered (to be delivered under Phase 2 of accreditation)

Eng Tech, I Eng, and C Eng can also be awarded under this framework, for those with suitable Engineering Qualifications and experience.

Tiered Accreditation



- Anyone can join the programme if they are working in a Cost Estimating, Cost Engineering, Planning/Scheduling or Project Controls role, and are Members of the Association
- Entry Level is dependent on prior qualifications and experience
- Development Programmes can be agreed to allow individuals to progress to higher levels of accreditation

Tiered Accreditation

Tier	Target Profile	Typical Experience & Minimum Qualifications
Enrolled	Aimed principally at “learners” or “trainees”	Limited experience (nominally two years) often undergoing an approved training programme
Registered	Trained Practitioner who works under some supervision	Vocational qualification and a minimum of 3-5 years on-job experience
Incorporated	Senior Practitioner who can work independently or may supervise others	Bachelors degree or significant on-job experience (7+ years)
Certified Professional	Senior Practitioner who provides strategic leadership or is a Technical Specialist	Masters degree or extended experience including 5 years in a senior role

Original Qualification	Basis for Price Levels/Price including registration							
	Enrolled	Registered	Incorporated	Certified	CCE	Eng Tech	I Eng	C Eng
Bridging with Level 5 QCF	NA	NA	updated Pack	5 NUA + updated Pack + interview	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bridging with valid Qualification	NA	updated Pack	5 NUA + updated Pack	5 NUA + updated Pack + interview	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bridging without valid Qualification	NA	5 NUA + updated Pack	5 NUA + updated Pack	5 NUA + updated Pack + interview	NA	NA	NA	NA
CEE&P QCF Level 3	Pack + Reg	10 NUA + Pack + Reg	15 NUA + Pack + Reg	20 NUA + Pack + Int + Reg	NA	Eng Tech Pack + Reg	NA	NA
CEE&P QCF Level 5	NA Pack +	Pack + Reg	QCF Pack with Enhanced CV + Reg	5 NUA + QCF Pack with Enhanced CV + Int + Reg	NA	NA	I Eng Pack + Int + Reg	NA
Valid Masters	Reg Pack +	Pack + Reg + More experience than Enr	5 NUA + Pack + Int + Reg	10 NUA + Pack + Int + Reg	CCE Pack + Extended Practice paper Int + Reg	NA	I Eng Pack + Int + Reg	C Eng Pack + Int + Reg
Valid Bachelors	Reg	Pack + Reg + More experience than Enr	5 NUA + Pack + Int + Reg	10 NUA + Pack + Int + Reg	CCE Pack + Extended Practice paper Int + Reg	NA Eng	I Eng Pack + Int + Reg	C Eng Pack + Int + Reg
Valid HNC/HND/ Foundation degree	Pack + Reg	5 NUA + Pack + Reg	10 NUA + Pack + Int + Reg	15 NUA + Pack + Int + Reg	NA	Tech Pack + Reg	NA	NA
All other qualifications	10 NUA + Pack + Reg	15 NUA + Pack + Reg	20 NUA + Pack + Reg	25 NUA + Pack + Int + Reg	NA	NA	NA	NA

Mature route

Tiered Accreditation – Alignment with Engineering Profession

- Tiered Accreditation has been benchmarked against the Engineering Council's Accreditation:
 - ECostE no equivalent
 - RCostE ≡ EngTech
 - ICostE ≡ IEng
 - CPCostE ≡ CEng
- For those with a suitable Engineering qualification and experience, the ACostE can also provide a route to Chartered Engineer (CEng) status as an affiliate of the Engineering Council

Questions

