

Application for Registration

As a Chartered Environmentalist

“Sustainability through Environmental Professionalism”



This application document sets out the processes by which individual members of CIWM can qualify to become registered as Chartered Environmentalists (CEnv). The criteria for Chartered Environmentalist are based on education, training, experience, professional and ethical conduct. CIWM is a Constituent Body (CB) of the Society for the Environment and is a Licensed Body (LB) authorised by the Society to process such applications from those members that fulfil CIWM's requisite qualifying standards.

To register as a Chartered Environmentalist through CIWM you **must** be a Chartered member (see *note below*) of CIWM, i.e., MCIWM (Member) or FCIWM (Fellow).

In addition to this, you are required to:

- Complete the application form supported by two sponsors
- Write a statement, in the first person, demonstrating against all the competences your experience, knowledge and engagement in good environmental practice within your profession, including the promotion of a sustainable environment
- Attend a Professional Review Interview
- Demonstrate at least 4 years of professional development and a commitment to CPD.

Applicants are encouraged to send in their application electronically to membership@ciwm.co.uk. Fees can be paid by calling the Membership Services Department and you will be sent an invoice.

Successful applicants will, on payment of the prescribed fee (This sum is made up of the £54.00 initial registration fee, £54.00 retention fee, and £10 Administration Charge.) When the registration is approved and entered on the SocEnv register, future annual retention fees will be collected with the CIWM annual subscription.

Once entered on the register, registrants are entitled to use the title Chartered Environmentalist and the designatory letters CEnv after their names.

Note: A bespoke route is available for non-Chartered status for those wishing to attain CEnv, but you must demonstrate sufficient knowledge and understanding of the resources and waste sector at the same time as demonstrating against the competences for environmental practice. This route conforms chartered waste status at the same time. Contact membership@ciwm.co.uk for more information.

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

Accompanying a CV a professional statement that demonstrates the relevance of the applicant's qualifications and experience against all the competences, written in the first person, must be completed.

The CV is a career review and shall demonstrate how the applicant's work experience and career to date have led to a level of all-round professional competence. Details of qualifications and relevant employment/experience, including a job description for the candidate's present post. Employment details should be listed in reverse chronological order.

The professional statement shall include:

- Detailed demonstration of how all the competences (see below) have been achieved
- How breadth of knowledge has been developed/improved/applied
- How the applicant is engaged in sustainable management of the environment
- Projects or day to day activities to indicate achievement of each competence.

An Example

A1 Understand the sustainability principles applicable to the management of the environment

- *Critically analyse complex environmental information, concepts and theories to determine sustainable courses of action.*
- *Understand the environmental impact of the area of study or work.*
- *Understand the importance of natural cycles and biodiversity in sustainability and identify strategies for their maintenance and enhancement.*

In my role I must consider the impact of projects, not only on natural cycles and local biodiversity but how to improve them once the project has been completed. To do this I undertake an assessment of the environment, including data on flora and fauna, impacts of the project in relation to carbon, noise, etc. and use this to develop a strategy and plan. There is a balance to be had during projects and this links to competence D2 and ethical issues, which I will expand on there.

The above is a **short example** for A1 and applicants can cover all aspects in their response, at once or break down to each bullet point – this will depend on applicant's preference, projects and role.

The competences are at the heart of the process and have been designed to measure vocational training, experience and above all environmental awareness.

All professional statements shall be validated by two mentors, sponsors or supervisors, from the applicant's current or previous employment, who shall confirm that the report represents the applicant's own work.

If the submitted application does not demonstrate that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria or the competences required for registration, CIWM will write to the applicant giving reasons for its view. The applicant shall not proceed to the Professional Review Interview.

CHARTERED ENVIRONMENTALIST COMPETENCES

A - Application of Knowledge

Application of knowledge and understanding of the environment to further the aims of sustainability

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- Critically analyse complex environmental information, concepts and theories to determine sustainable courses of action.
- Understand the environmental impact of the area of study or work.
- Understand the importance of natural cycles and biodiversity in sustainability and identify strategies for their maintenance and enhancement.

A2 Apply environmental knowledge and principles in pursuit of sustainable environmental management

- Develop strategies to address complex situations that involve many interacting environmental factors.
- Determine measures to deliver continuous improvement in sustainable environmental management.
- Negotiate contracts and arrangements with relevant stakeholders.

A3 Identify, analyse and anticipate the impact of problems and environmental trends to develop practical sustainable solutions

- Identify and assess the impact of complex problems working sometimes with incomplete data.
- Demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and addressing problems.
- Demonstrate a critical awareness of current environmental matters and trends reflecting relevant heritage where appropriate and anticipate and assess future impacts.
- Critically analyse and embrace new environmental information and advance knowledge, skills and competence in the environment field to develop practical sustainable solutions.

B - Leadership

Leading sustainable management of the environment

B1 Promote behavioural and cultural change by influencing others to secure environmental improvements that go beyond statutory requirements

- Develop good practices that go beyond statutory requirements by learning from results.
- Lead, advise and support others to improve their understanding of the wider environmental context.
- Advocate sustainable management of the environment by identifying issues, potential risks, benefits and opportunities and influence others, in particular from other disciplines, to contribute to environmental protection and improvement.

B2 Develop and maintain a strategic environmental approach

- Develop innovative strategies for sustainable development and environmental improvement.
- Promote inclusion and diversity and engage and collaborate with others to promote inter-disciplinary approaches to environmental challenges.
- Evaluate constraints and exploit opportunities for the development and transfer of environmentally appropriate techniques, skills, methods, processes and behaviours.
- Identify and manage risks to the environment encompassing health and safety, technologies, business and reputation.

B3 Demonstrate leadership and management skills

- Demonstrate autonomy and judgement in managing complex environmental and sustainability issues.
- Lead, motivate and convince others to agree and deliver environmental and sustainability objectives.
- Specify the objectives for a task, implement it and critically evaluate the outcome.
- Plan and manage continuous environmental improvement.

C - Effective Communication

Effective communication and interpersonal skills

C1 Communicate the environmental case, confidently, clearly, autonomously and competently

- Deliver presentations to a diverse range of audiences.
- Chair, lead and contribute to debates, meetings and discussions.
- Lead and promote stakeholder engagement.

C2 Ability to liaise with, negotiate with, handle conflict and advise others, in individual and/or group environments (either as a leader or member)

- Build relationships to capture and incorporate the opinions and contributions of others.
- Understand the motives and attitudes of others to reach agreement.
- Lead decision-making and champion group decisions.
- Resolve conflict and achieve common goals within groups and tasks.

D - Personal Commitment

Personal commitment to professional standards, recognising obligations to society, the profession and the environment

D1 Plan, undertake and evaluate CPD activities to maintain and enhance competence in area of practice

- Plan, undertake, reflect on and evaluate CPD activities.

D2 Assess and resolve environmental ethical issues

- Identify, assess, and resolve, and encourage others to resolve, environmental ethical issues.
- Improve environmental practice by addressing complex ethical issues.

D3 Understand, demonstrate and advocate compliance with relevant codes of conduct and practice

- Understand, comply and advocate compliance with relevant codes of conduct and practice.

PROFESSIONAL REVIEW INTERVIEW

The Professional Review Interview (PRI) is the final stage of assessment. The panel shall conduct an interview in which the applicant is reasonably tested in relation to the competences alongside considering the submitted CV and personal statement.

The PRI will be run via remote platform and normally last for 60 minutes. This is a two-way process, where the applicant demonstrates virtuosity against the elements of knowledge, competence and engagement listed and / or the interviewers seek evidence of virtuosity.

The interview will therefore normally consist of the following:

- Greeting and introduction
- Applicant's presentation on projects, reports or activities; (10 mins)
- Achievement of competence elements
- Summing up questions.

The assessment by the panel will be recorded on an assessment score sheet, each of the elements shall be judged and given a score.

The score threshold has to be met to achieve Chartered Environmentalist, and the panel will submit their assessment to CIWM HQ who will then contact the applicant with the outcome. This is usually within five working days.

Application Form



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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CHARTERED ENVIRONMENTALIST (CEnv)

Personal Details (delete as necessary)

Class of member: _____	Membership Number: _____
Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other (please state) _____	Date of Birth: _____
Family name: _____	Forename(s) _____
E-mail address: _____	
Postal address: _____	
	Postcode: _____
Tel No: _____	Mobile: _____

CPD and Code of Professional Conduct

CPD: I declare that I will comply with CPD requirements set by CIWM.

Code of Professional Conduct: As a Chartered Environmentalist I will:

- act in accordance with the best principles for the mitigation of environmental harm and the enhancement of environmental quality;
- strive to ensure that the uses of natural resources are fair and sustainable taking account of the needs of a diverse society;
- use my skills and experience to serve the needs of the environment and society;
- serve as an example to others for responsible environmental behaviour;
- not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation or discrimination; and
- commit to maintaining my personal professional competence and strive to uphold the integrity and competence of my profession.



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Sponsors/Mentors/Supervisors

I can confirm that the information contained within this application form and supporting statement is correct and is the applicant's own work:

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

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Data Protection

I understand that the information contained in this form will be processed in accordance with the current Data Protection Act 2018 (together with any further amendments) including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). I also understand that details pertinent to my application, registration and Chartered Status history will be processed and held by CIWM in terms of the Data Protection Act 2018. I agree to my contact details being used for the purposes of establishing and maintaining registration or support for the Society for the Environment or providing or administering activities for Chartered Environmentalists. I also agree that if successful my name can be included on the [register of CEnvs which is made public on The Soc Env website](#).

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Opt In

I agree to receive e-newsletters, event details and general opportunities from the Society via email

I agree to receive opportunities directed specifically to me via email (speaker opportunities etc.).

Include me in the Environmental Professional Directory (CEnv only. Contact required).

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Once complete email: membership@ciwm.co.uk

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