

## Academic requirements for each register

The following academic criteria is required for each register:

1. RSciTech applicants **must** have a level 3 qualification or equivalent\* learning and achievement.
2. RSci applicants **must** have a level 5 qualification or equivalent\* learning and achievement.
3. CSci and CSciTeach applicants **must** have a level 7 qualification or equivalent\* learning and achievement.

\*Although the RA mandates that all Licensed Bodies have an equivalency route, it is up to the Licensed Body what this equivalency route is.

Qualifications need to be within a scientific discipline or relevant practice. In the case where a relevant qualification in science is not held by an applicant, the Licensed Body may approve an equivalent programme of study that clearly demonstrates the correct level of knowledge and practice of science.

### International qualifications

International qualifications and institutions will need to be recognised by UK NARIC-the National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom. If a Licensed Body has any concerns over the academic qualification of international applicants, then they are advised to check the applicant's qualifications on the list of recognised HEIs on the UK NARIC website. If they cannot find the applicant's University listed then they are advised to ask the applicant to provide a Statement of Comparability, which they can obtain from NARIC.

The Licensed Body will need to ensure that the applicant meets the academic requirements for registration indicated above. Copies of certificates submitted as evidence in application for professional registration must be validated.

### Guidance on work experience

Applicants need to meet the level of competence for the level of professional registration they are applying for. To develop this level of competence, we find that it normally takes around:

- 5 years of work experience for CSci/CSciTeach
- 2 years of work experience for RSci
- 1 years of work experience for RSciTech