Professional Registration Workshop. Part I: Why and How?

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Reasons for Registration

Applying for Registration

Part I

Registered charity with a Royal Charter
Three priority areas:
- **Enhance professionalism** in science via registration
- **Voice on policy issues** in science e.g. diversity, vocational routes, degree provision
- **Support member bodies** to be more effective
- A membership organisation of 35+ UK professional bodies and learned societies
- License professional bodies to award RSciTech, RSci, CSci and CSciTeach

What is the Science Council?
Professional registration with the Science Council provides independent recognition of your achievements and maintaining the exact standards required to join the global community of professional scientists.

Much like Historically, especially in academic settings, there has been an absence of accreditation for technicians translating into a substantive career pathway.

What is professional registration?

Ensuring status & opportunity for technical roles across UK research, teaching & innovation.

Professional Registration is part of the Technician Commitment.

The Commitment includes 4 key areas:

- **VISIBILITY**: Ensures that technicians within the organisation gain recognition for the work and expertise that they deliver.
- **RECOGNITION**: Supports technicians in gaining recognition through professional recognition and personal achievement.
- **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**: Ensures that technicians are supported in their career progression through the provision of formal, structured development opportunities.
- **SUSTAINABILITY**: Ensures that the benefits of technician recognition are ongoing and that the business case for technician development is fully realised.

Licenced Bodies (LBs): Examples

Professional registration with the Science Council.
Benefits of Registration: Working with Accreditors

Benefits of Registration:
- Working with Accreditors
- www.sciencecouncil.org
- In their own words….IBMS
- www.sciencecouncil.org
- RSciTech
- Registered Science Technician
- RSci
- Registered Scientist
- CSci
- Chartered Scientist
- Registration Impacts
- Person Specification
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Applying for Registration: 5 Steps

1. Decide which Register is right for you
2. Apply through our common application process
3. Select which assessment route to take – written or face to face
4. Consider your examples of meeting the competences
5. Select which professional body you want to join

Apply through our common application process

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5 Steps to Registration

Step 1:
Decide which Register is right for you

- Reflect on experience and qualifications
- Work through Self help materials
- Ask the science Council Mentors for suggestions
- Make sure you can meet the competencies
- If necessary implement a CPD plan of action to fully meet criterion
- Remember this is not time assessed so take your time!

Levels versus Register

Levels

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Registered Science Technician (RSciTech) Award Requirements

- Registered Science Technician (RSciTech) is an award to provide recognition for those working in technical roles.
- Candidates will typically be applying knowledge to their roles that is equivalent to at least QCF level 3. If they also have a qualification at this level or above it will contribute to their applications.
- The award provides recognition in its own right but can also be a springboard to recognition as a Registered Scientist or Chartered Scientist.

What you need to demonstrate to become an RSciTech

Registered Scientist (RSci) Award Requirements

- Registered Scientist (RSci) is an award to provide recognition for those working in scientific and higher technical roles.
- Candidates will typically be qualified to at least QCF level 5 and will be applying this knowledge to their roles. It provides recognition in its own right but can also be a springboard to recognition as a Chartered Scientist.

What you need to demonstrate to become an RSci

Chartered Scientist (CSci) Award Requirements

- Chartered Scientist (CSci) is a well established award, with over 12,000 scientists having achieved it since its launch in 2004.
- Candidates will typically be in senior scientific or managerial roles, qualified to at least QCF level 7 and applying their knowledge in their roles. Chartered status is a well established benchmark across the professions.

What you need to demonstrate to become an CSci
CSci
Use a combination of general and experiential knowledge, understanding and skills to be able to optimise and engage in the application of existing and emerging science and technology.

What is Chartered Scientist?
Chartered Scientist is a professional registration that recognises a high level of skill and experience independent of discipline. It provides recognition for professional practice and experience and thus complements the academic qualifications you might also have. Typically, professionals need to have been working for 4–6 years to achieve this and must either have a Masters level qualification or be able to demonstrate that they are working at this level.

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5 Steps to Registration

Step 2:
Choose which assessment route to take

Written or face to face

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Step 3:
Consider your examples of meeting the competences

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5 Steps to Registration

Step 4:
Select which professional body you want to join

- RSqTech (affiliate or associate grade)
- RSci (associate or member grade)
- CSci (member or fellow grade)
- CSqTeach (member or fellow grade)
- CBiol (member or fellow grade)

- **Associate Member** eq. Rsci Tech
- **Full Membership** eq. to CSci

5 Steps to Registration

Step 5:
Apply through our **Common Application Process (CAP)**

Common Application Portal (CAP)
https://sciencecounciluk3.smapply.io/

Universal Portal: Survey Monkey

Common Application Portal (CAP)

Create your User Profile

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Costs of CAP

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- Total cost **RSci Tech & RSci** ~ £100
- Total cost **CSci** ~ £150

Further information?

- Video guiding you through competency report
- Laurence Dawkins-Hall
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  - Linked In Profile
  - Registrant Profile
  - Mentoring CV
- Reference Material
  - How to apply for Professional Registration, SC
  - IST Materials on Professional registration
  - Cost of Professional registration

Thank you and good luck!