

JOIN THE WELDING INSTITUTE



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ABOUT US

The Welding Institute is the leading engineering institution supporting welding and joining professionals with welding, joining and allied technologies.

Designed for individuals at all levels, membership of The Welding Institute will not only demonstrate your commitment to industry and your career but may also give you eligibility to register with the Engineering Council, the UK regulatory body for the engineering profession.

Our Member benefits can support your engineering career, regardless of your technical background. They are designed to help you with your career, meeting the needs of your employers, employees or clients, all whilst meeting your own personal career goals.



A photograph of three people in a workshop or studio setting. A woman with long dark hair is in the foreground, seen from the back, looking at a piece of fabric with a dark, intricate pattern. Behind her, a man with a beard and a woman with blonde hair and sunglasses on her head are looking at the same fabric. The man is holding a small object, possibly a pen or a tool. The background shows a workshop with various equipment and materials. The text "MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS" is overlaid in large, bold, yellow-green letters on the left side of the image.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



EVENTS

Access to a range of in-person, online and hybrid events focused around Member technical and professional interests along with an online webinar archive.



TECHNICAL GROUPS

Technical Group events are developed around interests of Members. Speakers include specialists with diverse experience covering the fields of welding practice, welding technology, metals and non-metals, inspection, non-destructive testing, and integrity assessment across all industries.



5% OFF TRAINING COURSES

TWI training courses are supported by internationally recognised certification from awarding bodies including CSWIP, BGAS-CSWIP, PCN and EWF/IIW. Courses are led by certified experts, delivering the knowledge required to meet the demands of industry around the world.



CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The 'mycareerpath' platform allows you to record and reflect on your CPD activities, upload evidence and have your records sent for review to assist Engineering Council registration.



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

The Branch activities and Technical Groups provide you with invaluable opportunities to connect with your professional peers and build your professional and social networks, offering support outside of the work environment.



ALSO...

Access to technical knowledge and resources through our quarterly digital journal, monthly newsletter, Weldasearch, e-books, published papers and Jobsite.

A photograph of three business professionals in an industrial setting. A woman in a dark blazer is in the foreground, looking towards the right. Behind her, a woman with glasses and a patterned top is looking at a smartphone. To the right, a man in a light blue shirt is seen from the back, looking towards the other two. The background shows industrial equipment and a brick wall with a light fixture. A large, dark, diagonal shape is overlaid on the left side of the image.

MEMBERSHIP GRADES

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (AWeldI)

Associate membership represents an important first step towards professional recognition. You can join and gain access to benefits immediately.

Who is Associate (AWeldI) Membership for?

Associate membership is open to all with an interest in welding, joining and allied technologies.

There are three types of Associate membership:

- Standard Associate membership
- Student Associate membership
- Graduate applicants with interim Professional (Engineering Council) Registration

Graduate applicants looking to gain professional registration with the Engineering Council will initially be given membership at Associate level. This will be combined with interim registration with the Engineering Council at a Chartered Engineer or Incorporated Engineer level (depending on your experience and qualifications).

TECHNICIAN MEMBERSHIP (TechWeldI)

Technician membership of The Welding Institute is for technicians with knowledge and experience of welding.

Who is Technician (TechWeldI) Membership for?

You must have at least two years' scientific or technical experience relating to the development of welding, joining or one of the allied processes.

You will also need at least one of the following qualifications:

1. An engineering-based Advanced/Modern Apprenticeship or equivalent work-based programme
2. Qualifications at or above level 3 in the RGF (Regulated Qualification Framework) such as a Level 3 National Certificate or Diploma in engineering or welding and joining technology
3. Specific programmes or qualifications approved by The Welding Institute such as:
 - CSWIP Senior Welding Inspector
 - CSWIP Welding Supervisor
 - CSWIP Underwater Inspection Controllers
 - CSWIP Welding Quality Control Co-ordinator
 - CSWIP Registered Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) Inspectors
 - IIW/EWF Welding Specialist Diploma
 - CSWIP Certification of Welding Instructors and Specialist Welding Instructors

If you do not hold any of the qualifications listed above, you could still be eligible for Technician membership via our Individual Route.

MEMBER (MWeldI)

Joining The Welding Institute as a Member provides an opportunity to gain Incorporated Engineer (IEng) or Chartered Engineer (CEng) status with the Engineering Council.

Who is Member (MWeldI) Membership for?

You must have at least two years' experience in a welding, joining or other relevant discipline, and be working in a role that meets the requirements for Incorporated or Chartered Engineer.

You will also need at least one of the following qualifications:

- Hold a bachelors degree in engineering or a relevant science or technology
- Already be registered with the Engineering Council as an Incorporated or Chartered Engineer via another professional institution.

If you do not hold any of the qualifications listed above, you could still be eligible for Member via our Individual Route. The Welding Institute will provide detailed advice based on your individual circumstances once we have looked at your education and career history.

FELLOW MEMBERSHIP (FWeldI)

Who is Fellow (FWeldI) Membership for?

Fellow membership of The Welding Institute is reserved for esteemed professionals with substantial experience in welding, joining or allied technologies. This level of membership is normally awarded in recognition of an individual's standing as a Professional Engineer and their personal contributions within the engineering community. It is unlikely that anyone will have made the necessary contribution within a working career of less than 10 years. Applicants will be required to demonstrate their learning, achievements and recognition through building a case based on their professional contributions consisting of between 500 and 1000 words relating to at least one of the following criteria:

- Has achieved an established and enhanced reputation in the field of welding, joining or an allied technology
- Has been the senior level manager of projects and/or engineers within the field of welding, joining or an allied technology, and achieved consistent quality and business success
- Has acted to support the provision of an enthusiastic and qualified workforce for industries related to welding, joining or allied technologies
- Has made significant contributions to the enhancement of the professional welding, joining or allied technologies community

Applicants must be able to demonstrate their commitment to Continuing Professional Development (CPD) with particular emphasis on learning outcomes.

Applications for direct entry to Fellow grade are accepted at the discretion of the Membership Committee. This may include Fellows of other Engineering Council registered institutions with relevant experience in welding and allied technologies.

All applications should be accompanied by references from two Fellows of The Welding Institute or other sponsors of equal standing in the profession. It is important that sponsors satisfy themselves that the applicant meets the requirements for Fellow. The Membership Committee reserves the right to request further references.

All applications are considered by the Membership Committee and applicants should expect to attend a Professional Review Interview conducted by two Fellows of the Institute.





PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

As a Professional Member, you may be eligible to register with the Engineering Council as a **Chartered Engineer (CEng)**, **Incorporated Engineer (IEng)** or **Engineering Technician (EngTech)**.

Professional Registration with the Engineering Council demonstrates competence, gained through practical experience, as well as knowledge and understanding.

Benefits of registering with the Engineering Council include:

- Identifying you as having competences that employers value indicating that your competence and commitment to professionalism have been assessed by other engineering professionals
- Demonstrating that your competence may be compared with standards applicable in other parts of the world
- Confirming that your commitment to professionalism is underwritten by the support of a national engineering institution or society licensed by the Engineering Council
- International recognition of your qualification

Engineering Council registration is open to anyone who can demonstrate the required professional competences and commitment. These requirements are set out in Engineering Council UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence (UK-SPEC) document, and are developed through your education and working experience.

Any academic or vocational qualifications you hold will determine which route to registration is open to you. If you hold one of the exemplifying qualifications, you can proceed via the standard route to registration. Without such qualifications, you may proceed via the individual route. If you have a qualification at a suitable level, but haven't yet acquired the required experience and competences, then you may wish to seek interim registration via your membership of The Welding Institute.

A close-up photograph of a welder in a workshop. The welder is wearing a dark, reflective protective helmet with a clear visor. He has a beard and is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. He is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and heavy-duty brown leather welding gloves. His hands are resting on a metal workbench. The background is a blurred workshop with various tools and equipment. A diagonal black line runs from the top left to the bottom right, partially obscuring the welder's face and the text. The text "JOIN TODAY" is written in a bold, bright green, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

JOIN TODAY

Join today and become a Member of the leading engineering institution supporting welding and joining professionals.

Professional Membership

Discover more about our membership grades:

www.theweldinginstitute.com/membership/join-us

Professional Registration

Discover more if you are interested in professional registration with the Engineering Council:

<https://www.theweldinginstitute.com/membership/membership-and-registration>

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