

# Unlocking the IFE: A Gateway to Fire Safety Excellence

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# Summary

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- **Who are the IFE?**
- **What do the IFE do?**
- **Membership**
- **Professional Registration**

# Foundations

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— The first Presidents of the Institution —

*STANDING (L TO R) Fred Cade (Bristol 1928) A. R. Corlett (Manchester 1929)  
Arthur Pordage (Edinburgh 1925-26) Geo. A. Oakes (Liverpool 1927).  
SEATED - Henry Neal (Leicester 1919 - 1924 - 1930)*

**Science and  
Practice of  
Fire Extinguishment,  
Encouragement,  
Fire Prevention  
and Fire  
Engineering**

# Who are the IFE today?

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- Connecting fire professionals from around the globe, we share best practice and expertise
- Regulated by OFQUAL
- A Professional Engineering Institution (PEI) with an Engineering Council licence.



**15k+**

Members  
worldwide



Exam Centres  
Worldwide



**170+**

Fire Risk Assessors



UK Branches



International  
Branches



**380+**

Volunteers Worldwide



**2.5k**

Exam Sat  
Worldwide Per  
Year



**1000+**

Engineering Council  
Registrants

# Benefits of IFE Membership and Registration



Professional recognition in the global fire sector: post nominals

Improved career prospects and employability

Higher earning potential

Demonstration of a professional attitude valued by employers and customers

International recognition of competence and commitment

Evidence of expertise

Greater influence within your own organisation and industry

# MyIFE. What's in it for you?



MyIFE Welcome Jo Bloggs [Logout](#)

MyIFE

Members' Area

Resources

Start an Application

IFE Website

Application

CPD Hub

- IFE Conference Recordings
- On-Demand Webinars
- Online Resources

mycareerpath Online CPD

IFE Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Consultations and technical guidance

- Consultation Responses and Archive Fire Research Reports
- Technical guidance and information

IFP Journal Online

IFE Volunteering

E-learning study support

Events Library

My Account Details



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Edit details

My Member

You do not have

View members

International Fire Professional Journal



Read the latest copy of our journal and view previous editions

Events

Find your next training workshop, conference, seminar and other related events

Registrants Directory



Find someone in our directory and check that your own details are up to date

# Membership of the IFE

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What types of 'membership' are there?

## IFE Membership:

- Fellow
- Member
- Associate
- Graduate
- Technician
- Student
- Affiliate

## Professional Registration:

- Engineering Council
  - CEng
  - IEng
  - EngTech
- Fire Risk
  - Assessors
  - Auditors



- Relevant full-time education
- Relevant part time education
- Starting point prior to registration
- Level 3 certificate in 12 months, 25 hours CPD
- At least 2 years experience
- Level 3 diploma in Fire engineering-related degree
- Level 4 diploma in Fire engineering-related degree
- At least 3 years experience
- Interim IEng/Ceng if degree accredited
- Level 4 diploma in engineering-related degree
- Interim IEng/Ceng if degree accredited
- 2 years, 50 hours CPD
- 5 years + experience
- IPD report
- MIFireE for 3+ years
- Level 4 diploma in engineering-related degree
- CV/detailed biography
- 500-1000 word personal statement
- 2 years CPD log
- Org chart

# Professional Registration

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The IFE is licensed by the Engineering Council to:

*Recommend fire professionals for registration*

# Registration Titles

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## EngTech

- Use engineering solutions to solve problems
- Perform engineering activities

## IEng

- Maintain engineering solutions
- Supervise engineering activities

## CEng

- Develop engineering solutions
- Manage engineering activities

# UK-SPEC

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## Registration

The UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence and Commitment (UK-SPEC), published by the Engineering Council, is the core framework used to assess engineers and technicians for professional registration (EngTech, IEng, CEng). It defines what competence and professional behaviour look like in practice.

## Core purpose

- Establishes the minimum competence and commitment standards required for registration
- Provides a consistent, UK-wide benchmark used by licensed Professional Engineering Institutions (PEIs)
- Includes guidance and examples of evidence to support assessment

All applicants are assessed against **five broad categories**, regardless of registration level:

- A – Knowledge and Understanding
- B – Design development and problem solving
- C – Responsibility, management and leadership
- D – Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- E – Professional commitment

# UK-SPEC HRB

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## Registration

HRB registration is a specialist professional registration route for engineers and technicians working on higher-risk buildings, introduced in response to the Building Safety Act 2022 and wider post-Grenfell building safety reforms.

Its purpose is to provide formal assurance of professional competence for individuals involved in the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of higher-risk buildings.

The registration demonstrates that an individual:

- has the required technical competence
- understands the specific safety risks associated with HRBs
- is committed to ethical and safe professional practice
- meets the UK-SPEC HRB standard

This helps accountable persons, clients, and regulators show that suitably competent professionals have been appointed.

# Fire Risk Registers

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## **IFE Register of Fire Risk Assessors**

The IFE operates a Fire Risk Assessors Register which UK individuals can apply to join. Applicants must demonstrate to a Professional Review Panel that they have suitable education, training and experience in the principles of fire safety and fire risk assessment, and this involves submitting examples of their work for evaluation.

## **IFE Register of Fire Risk Auditors**

Fire Risk Auditors are employed by enforcing authorities. They enforce legislation but do not carry out fire risk assessments. The IFE has established competency standards against which Fire Risk Auditors can be assessed also and many UK enforcing authorities now have IFE registration in place for their inspecting officers.

Both IFE Registers also include applicants gaining Engineering Council registration and IFE graded membership

# Next Steps

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- Take a look at our website for more detail on registration, application forms, guidance documents etc – [ife.org.uk](https://ife.org.uk)
- Lots of help and advice on hand from IFE members of staff
- Enquiries to [engc@ife.org.uk](mailto:engc@ife.org.uk) or [membership@ife.org.uk](mailto:membership@ife.org.uk) or [frr@ife.org.uk](mailto:frr@ife.org.uk)

# Which grade of IFE membership is right for me?

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**Thank you for listening**

**Q&A**