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## IAgrE Membership at a Glance

The Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE) is the professional body for engineers, scientists, technologists, managers, technicians and students typically working in agricultural engineering, land-based industries, and associated environmental and science subjects including machinery design, manufacturing, research, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, amenity and the environment.

There are seven categories of membership:

- **Student** – usually for individuals at university, on a vocational course at college or an apprenticeship working towards a career in agricultural engineering, land-based industries, and associated environmental and science subjects.
- **Affiliate (AIAgrE)** – for individuals working in a related field who have an interest in and enthusiasm for agricultural engineering, land-based industries, and associated environmental and science subjects.
- **Technician (TIAgrE)** – for individuals who have reached a minimum standard of education and training in a practical subject and are working in a technical position in agricultural engineering, the land-based Industries, and associated environmental and science subjects.
- **Associate Member (AMIAgrE)** - for individuals who have developed a standard of knowledge, and understanding but have only recently qualified and so are not yet an established practitioner in agricultural engineering, land-based industries, and associated environmental and science subjects
- **Member (MIAgrE)** – for individuals who have developed a standard of knowledge, understanding and experience and are an established practitioner in agricultural engineering, land-based industries, and associated environmental and science subjects.
- **Fellow (FIAgrE)** – for individuals who have developed considerable knowledge, understanding and experience in agricultural engineering, land-based industries, and associated environmental and science subjects, and have demonstrated significant and sustained levels of responsibility.
- **Honorary Fellow (HonFIAgrE)** for those individuals nominated by the IAgrE Board of Trustees on account of their exemplary and sustained contribution to agricultural engineering, land-based industries, and associated environmental and science subjects.

IAgrE offers members the opportunity to gain Engineering Council (UK) (EngC) registration at Engineering Technician (EngTech), Incorporated Engineer (IEng), and Chartered Engineer (CEng). Similarly, members working in the associated environmental sector can gain Society for the Environment (SocEnv) registration at Registered Environmental Practitioner (REnvP), and Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv). Qualification and experience requirements for professional registration are described later in this guide.

## Who Qualifies?

Potential IAgrE members will typically be working in the following sectors:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Machinery Design</li> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Environmental</li> <li>• Land-based Equipment</li> <li>• Service and Repair</li> <li>• Soil and Water Engineering</li> <li>• Farm Buildings</li> <li>• Internet of Things</li> <li>• Robotics/Automation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crop Storage and Handling</li> <li>• Food Engineering</li> <li>• Precision Agriculture</li> <li>• Outdoor Power Equipment</li> <li>• Education and Training</li> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Consultancy</li> <li>• Smart Agriculture</li> <li>• Autonomous Vehicles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketing and Press</li> <li>• Agro-industrial Products</li> <li>• Agrochemicals</li> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Horticulture</li> <li>• Forestry</li> <li>• Amenity and Leisure</li> <li>• Agri-food Supply Chain</li> <li>• Standards/Legislation</li> </ul>
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Typical working roles include but are not restricted to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design Engineering</li> <li>• Product Development</li> <li>• Service Technician</li> <li>• Product Support</li> <li>• Technical Sales</li> <li>• Service/Workshop Manager</li> <li>• Technical Writer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching/Training</li> <li>• Thought Leadership</li> <li>• Research &amp; Development</li> <li>• Post Graduate Research</li> <li>• Technical Support</li> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Communications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management</li> <li>• Advisory Services</li> <li>• Environmental Services</li> <li>• Consultancy</li> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Leadership</li> <li>• Publishing</li> </ul>
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## Progression Routes to Membership and Registration – Detailed Requirements

### Non-Corporate Grades of Membership

The Student, Affiliate (AIAgrE), Technician (TIAgrE) grades of membership are defined as “Non Corporate Grades”. This means that members at these grades may attend but not vote at IAgrE meetings. Eligibility for these grades is assessed by the IAgrE Membership Department. Members at these grades will be encouraged to upgrade as their career develops.

<p><b>Student</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For students following courses in agricultural engineering, land-based engineering or relevant scientific subjects. Student membership is supported by the Douglas Bomford Trust (DBT) and is free for the duration of the course and one year post graduation.</li> <li>• If you wanted to, and are suitably qualified to upgrade your membership to Affiliate (AIAgrE), Technician (TIAgrE) or Associate Member (AMIAgrE) there is a reduced fee which applies during your time as a student.</li> <li>• For an additional annual fee, students can opt to receive a hard copy of the IAgrE member’s journal.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>I AgrE Affiliate (AI AgrE)</b></p>	<p><b>This grade of membership is open to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates who have an enthusiasm for agricultural engineering, the land-based sector or related activities and want to be part of the I AgrE community but who do not hold formal qualifications.</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates with a technical education in a scientific, engineering, agricultural engineering or other relevant technical subject who do not yet qualify for higher grades of I AgrE membership.</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students who have enthusiasm for agricultural engineering, the land-based sector or related activities may wish to obtain a grade of membership where they can use the post nominals (AI AgrE) will qualify for this grade of membership</li> </ul>
<p><b>I AgrE Technician (TI AgrE)</b></p>	<p><b>This grade of membership is open to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates with a technical education to at least Level 2 in agricultural engineering or an equivalent land-based, scientific, or environmental subject and are established in employment in a vocational and/or technical role.</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates with a technical education to at least Level 3 such as the BTEC Extended Diploma or equivalent level in a scientific, engineering, agricultural engineering or other relevant technical subject and just starting out in their career. At this level, candidates may be eligible to apply for registration as an Engineering Technician (EngTech)</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technicians following the Land-based Training Accreditation (LTA) or Parlour Safe schemes who meet the training and assessment requirements of those schemes and have completed a range of approved manufacturer training courses. At this level, candidates may be eligible to apply for registration as an Engineering Technician (EngTech)</li> </ul>

## Corporate Grades of Membership

The Associate Member (AM), Member (M) and Fellow (F) grades of membership are defined as “Corporate Grades”. Members in corporate grades are eligible to vote at IAgrE meetings. Those members wishing to gain Chartered Engineer, Incorporated Engineer and/or Chartered Environmentalist and Environmental Practitioner registration must be corporate members. At the Member and Fellow grades, eligibility is assessed by the IAgrE Membership Committee. AM grade is only open to those who have recently completed their education and are commencing their career and offers a tiered membership fee over 5 years. After 5 years AM are automatically upgraded to M grade.

For those who have been assessed as meeting the membership requirements of other Professional Engineering Institutions (PEI) the same grade of IAgrE membership will be offered upon receipt of an application form, a Curriculum Vitae and copies of certificates.

<b>Associate Member (AMIAgrE)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For all those who meet the requirements of Member grade but have not yet been qualified for greater than 5 years. This grade allows for a candidate to establish themselves in the industry and provides a tiered membership fee as they develop in their early career. When the candidate has completed 5 years post qualifying they will be automatically admitted to Member grade.</li></ul>
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<p><b>Member (MIAgrE)</b></p>	<p><b>One of the following routes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who have undertaken an Advanced Apprenticeship with Level 3 qualifications in an engineering subject, and who also qualify for registration with the Engineering Council as an EngTech will qualify for this grade of membership.</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education to at least Degree level, <i>or for those who qualified pre-2000, the BTEC Higher National Diploma (or equivalent)</i> in a scientific, engineering, agricultural engineering or other relevant technical subject. Candidates must demonstrate a period of professional development and show evidence of appropriate experience in a position of responsibility appropriate to the Member grade (typically, but not exclusively over five years).</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A route for Member grade is available for those with considerable experience (typically but not exclusively more than 15 years) and do not hold the requisite academic qualifications as above. They must be able to demonstrate that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Their technical knowledge of agricultural engineering has developed at least to BEng (for IEng) or NVQ3 level (for EngTech).</i></li> <li>➤ <i>They have undertaken industrial training and experience in posts of increasing responsibility in a relevant branch of a scientific, engineering, agricultural engineering or other relevant technical subject. (Individuals may be invited to attend for a professional interview).</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptionally, those holding senior positions in agricultural engineering, or related professions, will be eligible for entry into this grade by invitation by the IAgrE Trustees.</li> </ul> <p><b>Furthermore</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those holding academic qualifications and with industrial training and experience meeting the criteria of the Engineering Council and/or the Society for the Environment will be encouraged to apply for registration at an appropriate level.</li> </ul>
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<b>Fellow (FIAgrE)</b>	<p><b>One of the following routes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outstanding individuals not holding formal qualifications who have substantial experience (typically but not exclusively more than 15 years) in a position of considerable and sustained responsibility in the land-based sector.</li></ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education to at least Degree level in a scientific, engineering, agricultural engineering or other relevant technical subject from a recognised university. Candidates should have undertaken professional development and have experience in positions of considerable and sustained responsibility assessed as being appropriate to the Fellow grade (typically, but not exclusively over 5 years).</li></ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A route for Fellow grade is available for those with considerable experience at senior management level and who do not hold the requisite academic qualifications as above. They must be able to demonstrate that:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <i>Through career learning, (typically but not exclusively more than 15 years) that their academic knowledge of their discipline has developed to a level comparable with a University degree.</i></li><li>➤ <i>They have experience in positions of considerable and sustained responsibility in the land-based sector.</i></li><li>➤ <i>Individuals may be invited to attend for a professional interview.</i></li></ul></li></ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outstanding individuals who, in the opinion of the IAgrE, have substantial experience in a position of considerable and sustained responsibility in the land-based sector may join by invitation of the President.</li></ul> <p><b>Furthermore</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Those holding academic qualifications and with industrial training and experience meeting the criteria of the Engineering Council and/or the Society for the Environment will be encouraged to apply for registration at an appropriate level.</li></ul>
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<b>Honorary Fellow (HonFIAgrE)</b>	<p>These will be existing IAgrE members of very high standing who have made a considerable and sustained contribution to the development of IAgrE.</p> <p>Honorary Fellows will be proposed and seconded by Corporate members of IAgrE and will be approved by the Award Committee before final ratification by the IAgrE Board of Trustees.</p>
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