

Member Grades

New members may be elected to one of the following grades by the Membership Committee based on information and evidence provided about their role in the RACHP sector using the criteria below. Must provide at least one sponsor and copies of qualifications if available.

Grade	Criteria 1 - Level of Responsibility	Criteria 2 - Length of Experience	Criteria 3 – Qualifications	Designatory Letters and Voting Rights	Fee
Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> considerable theoretical knowledge, able to draw up technical specifications for clients and compile tenders/quotations demonstrable experience at management level gained in industry, commerce or education eg Team Leadership role attainment of associated qualifications of a relevant body senior level appointment within the organisation (ie holding a second tier reporting appointment within the organisation) eg Project, Sales, Production, Plant Engineer, Lecturer, Manager. 	likely to have at least 10 years of important responsibility	Applicant holds no RACHP or role relevant qualifications	MInstR may vote at AGM & Elections, may stand for Board or President-Elect may be eligible to apply for IEng/CEng with Engineering Council	£99 first year joining fee £49
		likely to have 10 years or more experience at least 5yrs of which is important level	Level 2 or equivalent eg S/NVQ, Apprenticeship, Technical Cert. (Does not include F Gas)		
		likely to have more than 5 years of important responsibility	Level 3 or equivalent HNC, HND, CGLI257		
		likely to have more than 3 years of important responsibility	Degree		
Associate Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> is able to demonstrate significant knowledge of the rachp industry related to their role experience of junior management level responsibilities in industry, commerce, education/research or in specialist function eg having some supervisory or business operations responsibilities. functions such as Engineer, Technician, Sales Representative, Research Associate illustrate the level of job, Service Co-ordinator, Marketing, Business Administrator no additional experience required if candidate has a degree or post graduate qualification and was previously an IOR student member 	Less than 3 years experience	degree or post graduate qualification in a relevant technical subject	AMInstR may vote at AGM & Elections, may stand for Board or President-Elect may be eligible to apply for IEng/CEng with Engineering Council	£89 first year joining fee £49
		likely to have more than 3 years of some responsibility	Level 3 or equivalent eg S/NVQ, Apprenticeship, Technical Cert. (Does not include F Gas) ONC, OND, CGLI257		
		likely to have more than 5 years of some responsibility	City & Guilds Craft Cert at S/NVQ level 2 or equivalent		
		likely to have more than 7 years of some responsibility	None		
Technician Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> access to benefits of both IOR and RACHP EngTech membership (postal bulletins) may be eligible to apply for EngTech with Engineering Council 	requires employer to confirm a minimum of three years in RACHP technician level role	Cat I F Gas Certificate (those outside of the UK/EU must provide a national RAC vocational training certificate)	TMInstR	£57 no joining fee

Other Member Grades (non-voting)

A. Reviewed - New members may be elected to one of the following grades by the Membership Committee based on information and evidence provided about their role in the RACHP sector using the criteria below. List of students are added to membership minutes provided tutor confirmation is received. Must provide at least one sponsor and copies of qualifications if available.

Grade	Criteria 1 - Level of Responsibility	Criteria 2 - Length of Experience	Criteria 3 – Qualifications	Designatory Letters and Voting Rights	Fee
Pre-Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for those who do not yet qualify for another grade as a temporary grade until sufficient experience is gained to advance to Associate Pre-Associates are expected to be eligible to advance to Associate Member after 3 years based on experience gained and contribution to the IOR or other sector groups 	current active involvement in RACHP or allied field suitable for those new to the industry	none required	no designatory letters no AGM/election voting rights may stand for election to Board	Introductory rate of £30 for first 3 years only - thereafter £60 a year (no joining fee)
Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> apprentices, undergraduates or post graduates must be registered at a recognised educational institution as confirmed by a tutor (full time or part time). normally available for a maximum of 3 years. May be extended for up to 12 months after completion of studies. 	n/a	n/a	no designatory letters no AGM/lection voting rights may stand for election to Board	apprentices free for duration of the course others free for first year then £30 (no joining fee)

B. Not_reviewed. Affiliates are not required to provide evidence of experience, qualifications or role in the sector. No sponsor to support their application is required. Applications are not reviewed by the Membership Committee and the list of new affiliates is added to the membership minutes.

Affiliate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> interest in RACHP or allied field and insufficient experience and/or qualifications to be eligible for another grade 	No experience required	No qualifications required	no designatory letters no AGM/lection voting rights cannot stand for election to Board	£89 +£49 first year joining fee
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Advancement for existing Membership Grades

Members may apply for Advancement at any time - webinars are held twice a year to explain the process. Advancements are reviewed by the Membership Committee based on information and evidence provided (online form) and the applicant must provide at least one Sponsor

Grade	Criteria - Level of Responsibility/ Experience/Qualifications	Fee
Any transfer	Must fit the grading they apply to transfer to as in the tables above. Involvement and contribution to the IOR and other industry groups is taken into account and there is space on the application form to include this.	No advancement fee

Fellow Elections Procedure

The Committee may invite Members who fit the criteria below to apply for advancement to Fellow. Individuals may also apply without having been invited. Applications will be reviewed by the Membership Committee once a year based on information and evidence provided and the applicant must provide at least one Sponsor

Grade	Criteria 1 - Level of Responsibility	Criteria 2 - Length of Experience	Criteria 3 – Qualifications	Designatory Letters and Voting Rights	Fee*
Fellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> expected to have been a Member of the Institute for approxy 10 years only available to existing IOR Members as advancement of their current grade must be able to demonstrate high level of knowledge, experience in technical, managerial, commercial or education responsibility must have contributed to the advancement of refrigeration or objectives of the Institute outside normal commercial activities eg via Branches, Professional Bodies, membership of committees 	likely to have 5 years special responsibility	degree	FInstR	£109 No advancement fee
		likely to have 10 years responsibility of which 5 years "special"	HTEC higher diploma or equivalent		
		likely to have 15 years of responsibility of which 5 years "special"			