

Society of Façade Engineering

Guidance to applicants for membership



The purpose of this document is to set out guidelines on how you may become a member of the Society of Façade Engineering.

The Society offers a range of classes of membership that recognises members' qualifications and experience in **façade engineering**. There is also an Affiliate class for those who simply have an interest in façade engineering.

The classes of membership are:

- Affiliate
- Student
- Associate
- Member
- Fellow

Applicants are initially accepted into a holding grade whilst their application is considered. Those seeking membership as Members or Fellows will initially be accepted to the class of Associate, pending review of their application by the Membership Panel. The Membership Panel may reach a decision on the basis of the written application but reserves the right to interview a candidate.

These guidance notes are provided so that you may apply for an appropriate class of membership and submit appropriate evidence for membership of the class for which you are applying.

You should submit a completed application form together with the relevant application fee and one year's subscription for the Affiliate, Student or Associate class, as appropriate. Forms may be downloaded from: www.facadeengineeringsociety.org

Candidate reviews are held three times a year:

Submission closure date	Review date
30 November	December
31 March	April
30 June	July

If, after reading these guidance notes, you require further advice on your suitability for membership and the evidence that you should provide, contact the Society Administrator (020 8675 5211).

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Affiliate

The Affiliate class of membership is open to anyone who has an interest in façade engineering. There is no requirement for applicants to demonstrate knowledge or experience of façade engineering. This class of membership does not enable the member to demonstrate any competencies in the field. However, affiliates have all the other benefits of membership.

Student

The Student class of membership is open to student members of the Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers, Institution of Structural Engineers or Royal Institute of British Architects and those studying a course in façade engineering recognised by the Society.

Associate

The Associate class of membership is for all those who have sufficient skill and experience to show they may become capable of transferring to the *Member class*.

Membership criteria

The class of Member is open to those who have achieved the required educational base and subsequent development to enable them to act as exponents of today's technology, and both apply and manage its application within the broad field of facade engineering.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate one of the following combinations of experience, education, training and qualification:

- 1 Relevant facade engineering experience over a minimum period of seven years and successful completion of a technical report or equivalent demonstrating experience and involvement in relevant aspects of façade engineering for the seven year period. In particular, the report should demonstrate how your experience has been of benefit to the façade engineering process. Guidance on the required content of the technical report is given elsewhere on this site.
- 2 An MSc in Facade Engineering recognised by the Society, and a minimum of five years relevant experience in facade engineering.‡
- 3 Full professional membership of the Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers, the Institution of Structural Engineers or the Royal Institute of British Architects (MCIBSE, MIStructE, MRIBA) and a minimum of seven years' relevant experience in other aspects of façade engineering.† *

‡ The period required will depend on the nature of the experience in facade engineering.

† The Membership panel will seek evidence of façade experience outside the applicant's primary professional area of architecture, building services engineering or structural engineering.

* The society will also consider professional membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

NOTE: The period of relevant experience in facade engineering may be aggregated over a period, e.g. nine years @ 50% plus three years @ 67% plus half a year @ 100% sums to seven years full-time.

If you believe you have different but equivalent experience, education, training and qualifications, your application will be considered. Guidance on qualifications in Facade Engineering recognised by the Society and international professional qualifications is available elsewhere on this site

Applicants should also show evidence of a commitment to continuing professional development.

Entry into the class of Member confers the right to use the designatory letters MSFE.

Fellow

Fellow is the highest class of membership of the Society and may be awarded if you are, or have been, engaged in a position of responsibility in the design, construction or investigation of significant façade projects, or undertaken research at equivalent level. Fellows of the Society will contribute to the development of knowledge and practice in the field of façade engineering.

Candidates will normally be required to satisfy all of the following criteria:

- 1 Meet the requirements for the Member class
- 2 Have held a responsible position in façade engineering or a related field for not less than ten years with at least five years in appointments(s) in which they have personal responsibility for the design, execution or promotion of important façade engineering works or equivalent responsibility in research or teaching.
- 3 Show evidence of a commitment to continuing professional development.
- 4 Have been in membership of SFE at Member grade for a period of at least 2 years.

In rare circumstances the Membership panel may consider recommendation of exceptional candidates with less than 2 years in Member grade. This will require recommendation by at least two existing Fellows of the Society and be supplemented by an exemplary technical report prepared by the candidate and globally recognised experience.

In the case of direct admission to the class of Fellow, candidates must be actually engaged in such a position of responsibility.

Candidates should also show evidence of a commitment to continuing professional development.

Entry into the class of Fellow confers the right to use the designatory letters FSFE.



Qualifications in Facade Engineering recognised by the Society and international professional qualifications

Equivalent status to CIBSE, IStructE and RIBA: The engineer or architect shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Membership panel having reached the required equivalent level of professional competence. This shall be a designation that has been certified by his or her peers at national level and shall include both Masters degree level academic qualification and post degree professional experience. As guidance this might include full professional membership of other relevant professional institutes, Eur Ing qualification or selected 'Professional Engineer' qualifications subject to review by the Membership panel.

Diploma level in façade engineering recognised by the Society: This may be the University of Bath postgraduate diploma where students do not wish or are ineligible to progress to the dissertation, or other post graduate diploma based upon taught modules only or other qualifications subject to review by the Membership panel.

MSc in Facade Engineering recognised by the Society may be an MSc in Façade Engineering from the University of Bath; Technical University Delft or Detmolder Schule für Architektur und Innenarchitektur Hochschule or other qualifications subject to review by the Membership panel.