



## NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following notes are intended to provide an introduction to the membership structure of the Institute to help you in applying for membership.

### Applications

All applications for membership, or 'upgrading', within the Institute must be made on the appropriate form, all relevant sections of which must be fully completed.

New members normally join the Institute either as Affiliates, Associates or Members. Fellowship applications are dealt with through a separate process.

Applicants with suitable qualifications and experience are offered either the corporate grade of Associate or the full corporate grade of Member, at which time a full subscription payment is required. The names of successful applicants are placed on the Institute Register. Associates are entitled to use the designatory letters of AssocIScT and Members MIScT as long as they are members of the Institute in good standing.

A Member may make application for election to Fellow of the Institute on a separate form available from the Institute Office or our website.

Completed applications should be emailed through to [memberships@istonline.org.uk](mailto:memberships@istonline.org.uk) or posted to the address at the foot of this page.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

### Affiliate

Applications may be admitted as an Affiliate if they are over the age of 16 and working or studying in the field of Science and/or Technology at NVQ/SVQ Level I, the Institute's Preliminary Vocational Qualification, or an equivalent level.

### Associate (AssocIScT)

Corporate grade of Associate may be awarded to an applicant who has passed an approved examination such as:

- i) National or Scottish Vocational Qualifications (NVQ/SVQ) Level 2
- ii) Diploma/Certificate of the Institute of Science & Technology
- iii) Appropriate BTEC and SCOTVEC Certificates and Diplomas
- iv) Equivalent qualifications approved by the Institute



## Member (MIScT)

Full corporate grade of Member may be awarded to an applicant who has passed an approved examination and can demonstrate in excess of 3 years relevant workplace experience. In exceptional cases applicants who meet such other criteria as deemed acceptable by the Executive (e.g. extended workplace experience or a high level of management responsibilities/seniority) may be awarded full corporate Member status. Approved examinations include:

- i) National or Scottish Vocational Qualifications (NVQ/SVQ) Level 3
- ii) Higher Diploma of the Institute of Science & Technology
- iii) BSc. Degree in a natural science subject awarded by a recognised Institute in the United Kingdom
- iv) Appropriate BTEC and SCOTVEC Higher Certificates and Diplomas
- v) Appropriate CGLI Full Technological Certificate
- vi) Approved professional development after attaining the grade of Associate
- vii) Equivalent qualifications approved by the Executive

## Fellow (FIScT)

Fellowship of the Institute is the senior grade of membership indicating a very high level of skills, knowledge and expertise in science, technology, specialist and/or management environments, and/or demonstrating an outstanding contribution to the profession.

Notes for Guidance on Election to Fellow are available from the Institute's website ([istonline.org.uk](http://istonline.org.uk)).

## Upgrading

Any member of the Institute may apply for upgrading to a higher grade when they meet the appropriate criteria simply by submitting an application form for assessment.

These notes are for guidance only and further details are given in the Institute By-Laws and on the appropriate application forms.

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Affiliate £22

Associate : £38

Member £49

Fellow £63