Leading the cultural shift

Setting standards.

Sharing knowledge.

Changing attitudes.

Championing people.
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For the science, ethics and practice of the built environment. For the quality of life of those using and creating our built world. For standards. For change. For people.

We are the Chartered Institute of Building.


We train, shape and support those who make our industry what it is. Setting the standards and raising the bar since 1834.

From the Houses of Parliament to the Petronas Towers. For the workers 1,200 feet off the ground. For the families turning houses into homes.

We create the tools and qualifications to grow experience and confidence for a built environment that’s fit for the future.
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Who are CIOB?

We are the Chartered Institute of Building, and we stand for the science, ethics and practice of built environments across the world. Everything we do is to improve the quality of life for those using and creating the built environment.

Our vision

Improve the quality of life for the users and creators of our built environment.

Our mission

We drive up professional standards, push forward innovation, influence political decisions and strengthen talent across the CIOB global community.

Our values

Professionalism

We champion standards and professional ethics in the science and practice of building and construction.

Integrity

We strive for equity and fairness in our decision making and treatment of others.

Excellence

We pursue the highest standards of quality in everything we do.

Respect

We consider the impact our actions will have on individuals and the public good.
What we do

We have a role in the management, leadership, education and development of our industry. For our members, guiding and educating them as they embark on their careers. For policymakers, defining the standards for all to meet. For the public, creating an environment they can live and work in safely, comfortably and confidently.

Improve the quality of life for the users and creators of our built environment

Drive up professional standards

Push forward innovation

Influence political decisions

Strengthen the talent pool across the industry
Leading the cultural shift

Setting standards for our industry since 1834

From the first group of Master Builders coming together in 1834, to our Board of Trustees today, we’ve always set and upheld the standards for our industry.

From the Houses of Parliament in London to the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur. For the safety of construction workers, working at 1,200 feet off the ground. For the families living in their first home. For the governments in almost 100 countries planning the future of their cities.
Keeping our world turning today and tomorrow

Our world is changing, but no matter what we face, we are always ready to respond, learn and lead the way.

We’re here to adapt to those changes and protect what’s most precious: people, heritage and our wider world. For the mental health of our colleagues. For the built history of our societies. For the future of the planet we call home.
CIOB milestones

- Founded as The Builders’ Society
- Published the seminal Building Management Notebook
- Registered as an educational charity
- Site management education and training schemes launched
- Awarded a Royal Charter, by Her Majesty The Queen
- Developed the Considerate Constructors Scheme with the then Construction Industry Board
- Changed name to become the Institute of Building
- Opened the first Construction Manager of the Year Awards
- Merged with Architecture and Surveying Institute
- Incorporated under the Companies Act and renamed the Institute of Builders
- First overseas branch opened in Hong Kong
- Published the first Code of Practice for Project Management
- Benevolent Fund established
Collaborated with UK Government to launch TrustMark

Chartered Construction Manager designation announced

Began campaign to tackle modern slavery in construction

Launched industry’s first Minecraft lessons

Fellowship benchmarked as comparable to a Master’s Degree

Partnership with Anxiety UK launched

MCIOB, or Member of CIOB, qualification benchmarked as comparable to a British Bachelor’s Degree

Established the CIOB Academy

Construction Quality Commission announced

Appoints first EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) lead

Partnered on Learning Legacies with Olympic Delivery Authority

Launched first Code of Quality for Construction
Who is CIOB for?

Construction management is the development, conservation and improvement of the built environment through clients, organisations and individuals working together to meet the changing needs of our global society.

It includes a wide range of specialist services and it’s informed, supported and challenged by an independent academic discipline.

At CIOB, we embrace the entire breadth of the construction process, from inception through completion and into reuse – with an ambition to champion sustainable construction.

We are committed to improving the quality of life for those who use and create the built environment. Our system of values shows how important we consider our responsibility to humanity and the future of our planet.
Our members change the world as we know it

They’ve been responsible for the world’s most ground-breaking projects, and involved at every stage. From planning and managing the build, to laying the groundwork for the next generation.

We are more than 45,000 people strong, with a breadth of specialisms that reflect the skills which shape our built world. And we’re supported by 1,000 organisations. For the future of our professions. For the environments we call home and work. For the best of our industry.
What can CIOB membership do for you?

Raise your profile and elevate your career by opening up job opportunities with greater earning potential

Demonstrate your commitment and passion to make positive change in our industry for the public good

Gain a qualification comparable to a British Bachelor’s Degree with your Membership (MCIOB)

Gain a qualification comparable to a Master’s Degree with a Fellowship (FCIOB)

Describe yourself as either a Chartered Construction Manager or Chartered Builder

Shape government policy, raise standards and advance education within our industry

Join a community of more than 45,000 members worldwide

Learn from the entire lifecycle of a built asset and beyond, through the connections with your fellow members

Provide access to financial, mental health and wellbeing support when you need a helping hand
Working with employers

We work with employers of all sizes, all over the world. These close connections with companies and consultancies help us support every part of our industry’s workforce.

There are 1,000 construction organisations who work with us to improve the standard of construction and to increase the opportunity for management careers. There are two main initiatives for employers to work with us.

The first is our Chartered Building Company and Consultancy Scheme, or CBCs for short. Just as individuals work towards Chartered Membership, so can an entire organisation achieve Chartered status with us. This gives them a competitive advantage by helping businesses become a trusted resource for clients.

To become a CBC a business must have been trading for two or more years and at least half of the Executive Board must be Chartered with a built environment professional body, with a minimum of 25% Chartered with CIOB.

The second is in becoming a Training Partnership. This is a free service that CIOB offers to construction businesses in the built environment. Through a joint venture we create a bespoke training, learning and development plan for their staff, paving the way towards a fully Chartered workforce.

Primarily our Training Partnerships support those in junior management roles and upwards, regardless of age, experiences or qualifications.
Collaborating with partners

We collaborate with all kinds of organisations across the world, so we can give our members the best support no matter what they need.

We were the first professional body to join Build UK, which provides a collective voice for the construction industry supply chain. And we’re a part of the Construction Industry Council – the representative forum for professional bodies, research organisations and specialist business associations.

To bridge the link between industry and academia, we work with many education and research organisations. And we work closely with other professional bodies on related issues, campaigns and in enabling greater access to the professions across the globe.
Creating the experts for the future

Using both the cutting edge of technology and the foundation of hard-earned experience, we train the construction experts of the future. From tools and data for the day-to-day, to degree qualifications for investing in a career.

We train and shape workers and organisations who make our industry what it is. For those with practical experience, looking for formal qualifications reaffirming their knowledge. For those looking for a marker of trust, knowledge and reputation. For those planning environments built to last.
Qualifications

Online learning & CPD

Awards & competitions

Certifications

Scholarships

Training
How we are governed

Because we are governed by a Royal Charter, and registered as a charity in England, Wales and Scotland, we are bound to operate in a way that is transparent and inclusive.

Our Board of Trustees, made up of Fellows and Chartered Members, ensure we work in accordance with our Royal Charter objectives and that we have a strategic plan in place for the future development of CIOB.

Trustees, who volunteer their time, are supported by various governance committees and CIOB Leadership Team. We also have a Members’ Forum which we use as a consultative body; this Forum brings together leading construction professionals from across the globe to represent the interests of all members.

All of this means that our members safeguard the present and lead the future direction of CIOB.
How we influence beyond our Institute

We work on a great variety of agendas. They’re not always just in the interest of our members – but they are always in the interest of the public. Our job is to advance knowledge, innovation and research – and that means challenging our industry to be the best it can possibly be.

We also promote the impact and importance construction has on the people who use the built environment, and the economies that support it.

We influence government and other stakeholders by offering an informed and unbiased opinion. We do this through CIOB research, through our members’ expert advice and in consultation with other professions and other organisations.

We are proud to say we have a long history of helping and engaging policy makers on construction issues. The campaigns we are working on now include tackling modern slavery in construction, improving the quality of buildings and the broader built environment, and ensuring both the health and safety of construction workers is paramount.

Within UK Government we chair, steer and input on many All-Party Parliamentary Groups. With other professional bodies, we can be found at Party Conferences hosting roundtables and taking the voice of the construction professional into debate. Some of our members are even MPs themselves and we work in collaboration with them on industry agendas.

Our credibility is such that we are regularly invited to advise government departments, committees, political groups and other stakeholders on a multitude of issues. We provide consultation and written evidence to government as we respond to proposed legislative changes.
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