Programmes and qualifications
About us

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.

We have a role in the management, leadership, education and development of our industry, guiding and supporting our members as they embark on their careers.

Using cutting edge technology on a 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 support and shape workers and organisations who make our industry what it is.
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Programmes and qualifications

Supported programmes to Chartered Membership (MCIOB)

**CIOB International Membership**
- Chartered Membership (MCIOB)
- Chartered Fellowship (FCIOB)
- Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv)

**Chartered Membership Programme**
- Experienced practitioner pathway

**Graduate Conversion Certificate**
- Structured programme for graduates with a non-built environment degree

**Professional Development Programme**
- Structured programme for graduates with a built environment degree

**Vocational Qualifications**
Enhance your career with a vocational qualification to suit your needs.

**Specialist Certifications**
- Site Construction Qualifications
- Building Control Qualifications
- Building Control Degree Apprenticeship
Building knowledge, skills and careers

Your route to our range of Programmes and qualifications starts here. Use this infographic and the information provided in this brochure to work out your next step.

We are always on hand to provide support and advice – please visit www.ciob.org/routes, or contact our CIOB Member and Customer Service team on +44 (0) 1344 630 700, email customerservice@ciob.org.uk

Advanced services
Get access to our advanced services

- Online learning and CPD
- Technical publications
- CIOB library
- Research and reports
- Scholarships
- Training
- Virtual events and conferences
As a Chartered Construction Manager or Chartered Builder, Membership of the CIOB will show your dedication to the industry, as well as meaning that your capabilities and experience will be clearly recognised by others. Additionally, as a Member, you get to access 500 events every year and free resources from the CIOB Academy, as well as the right to vote for Trustees – or even apply to become one.

Amy Gough CMgr FCMI,
CIOB Director – Membership
Chartered Member (MCIOB)

What can Chartered Membership do for you?

Chartered Membership is an internationally recognised accreditation that will enhance your career, help you win contracts, boost the professionalism of your organisation and raise standards of construction management around the world.

Chartered Members can describe themselves as a Chartered Construction Manager or Chartered Builder and use the designation MCIOB. This has been deemed, by the qualifications recognition agency UK ENIC, to be comparable to a British Bachelor Honours degree.

Chartered Membership benefits anyone working in the development, conservation and improvement of the built environment - from those working on the design of buildings, to construction and maintenance and aftercare professionals. It is also a badge that shows your commitment to making positive change in the industry for the public good.

- **Strengthen your network** via our international hubs
- **Build your knowledge and skills** with free CPD, written materials, online courses and certifications right at your fingertips. We also publish industry best practice guides, with free subscription (UK only) to our Construction Manager magazine, online Global Construction Review and BIM Plus portal.
- **Shape government policy**, raise standards and advance education within our industry
- **Actively take part in the management of the CIOB** - Chartered Members can vote for and apply to become CIOB Trustees.
Chartered Fellow (FCIOB)

CIOB Fellowship (FCIOB) is the highest accreditation offered by the Institute. It is a Chartered grade suitable for industry leaders with more than 5 years of experience in leading people and organisations. Fellows of the CIOB are recognised globally for their skills and achievements.

Fellowship is independently benchmarked at Level 7, which is comparable to a British Master’s Degree. This work has been carried out by the expert qualifications comparison agency UK ENIC, which provides information on qualifications to governments, government authorities and education establishments across the world.

- **Demonstrate your credentials** as a construction professional at the pinnacle of your career
- **Build trusting relationships** with customers, stakeholders and peers
- **Use the designation FCIOB**
- **Have a say** in how our industry is shaped

To apply for Fellowship, you should have at least 5 years of experience leading an organisation and people and contributing to the industry, communities or society. You must also have responsibilities that extend to working with sector stakeholders. This work must demonstrate a contribution to the wider industry, or the general public. Your responsibilities should extend to working with sector stakeholders so that you can demonstrate a contribution to the wider industry or the general public.

Achieving the Fellowship was very significant to me. It was a watershed moment in my career and, after years of hard work, it felt like I had reached the pinnacle of my profession.

Denis Leonard FCIOB
Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv)

If you’re a Member or Fellow of the CIOB and have an interest in applying sustainability principles, you can apply to become a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) and member of the Society for the Environment.

In the modern world of construction, there are many complex challenges around sustainability and environmental concerns across the globe. Demand is growing for individuals who have the knowledge and experience to help solve these issues.

- **Becoming a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv)** will not only validate your professionalism and dedication, but showcase your talents within this area.
- **Demonstrate your commitment** and expertise in sustainable development in construction
- **Gain international recognition**, and join a network of more that 7,000 professionals

Having a qualification to demonstrate the experience that I’ve had and as a justification really, has been extremely useful to qualify as a Chartered Environmentalist.

Caroline Drummond, Chief Executive – LEAF, CEnv.
Supported programmes to membership

Available for candidates who want to progress to Chartered Membership via a structured and assessed route.
Chartered Membership Programme (CMP) – for experienced practitioners

Our Chartered Membership Programme (CMP) has been specifically designed for progression to MCIOB. The course is for professionals with significant management experience who don’t have formal qualifications. It has been benchmarked at Level 6, the level of a British Bachelor’s degree.

Delivered by CIOB Approved Providers, CMP will enhance your knowledge through structured learning, designed to help demonstrate key competencies and develop a strong understanding of the principles of construction management.

With subjects covering construction technology, management, built environment and health, safety and the environment, you should have at least one of the following to start the programme:

- **Five years’ experience** in a construction management role
- **Level 4** Site Management qualification
- **Technical qualifications** such as HNC or HND

Successfully completing the CMP will give you the confidence to take the final step to becoming Chartered, by applying for the Professional Review.

Assessment is via an open book exam which is carried out at the end of the programme.

You will be provided with a construction project scenario and four questions relating to the studied modules and given 12 days to submit your answer to the questions through our virtual learning environment, Moodle. This allows you to use the resources of your choice to complete your exam.

Visit [ciob.org/membership](http://ciob.org/membership) to download Approved International CMP Providers list
Graduate Conversion Certificate – for non built environment degree graduates

The Graduate Conversion Certificate provides a route to Chartered Membership if you already hold a degree, but the subject is one unconnected with construction. To embark on this course, you should be working in a management position within the construction industry.

You will select modules from the CIOB’s Level 4 Diploma programme in Construction Site Management, to provide you with a more technical background to complement your graduate skills and on-the-job learning. You will be eligible for the Professional Review to apply for Chartered Membership when you have three years’ experience.

- **Upon completion receive a CIOB Level 4 Certificate in Construction Site Management** along with your Graduate Conversion Certificate
- **Candidates may apply** for the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) Academically Qualified Person’s card
- **Less than three years managerial experience?** Then the Professional Development Programme may be more suitable for you

This course is delivered by our Approved Training Providers. If there are no centres locally to you then we do have approved training companies who offer distance/e-learning provision and weekend delivery.
Professional Development Programme (PDP) – for built environment degree graduates

The Professional Development Programme (PDP) is available if you are a graduate or student working in the industry and wanting to progress to Chartered Membership. The PDP helps to develop and assess occupational competence within a framework of support from your employer and a CIOB approved assessor.

It usually takes between one and three years to complete the programme, depending on your circumstances and employer. During that time, you will assemble an online portfolio of work showing that you meet competencies across 12 units, including project planning and managing health, safety and welfare in the workplace.

To register for the PDP, you will need to have a Level 6 qualification such as a Bachelor’s degree, Master’s degree or Postgraduate Diploma, or a Level 6 / 7 NVQ or SCQF Level 11 in a built environment subject. You also need to be working in a suitable role, such as a junior management position within the built environment, or construction industry.

Upon successful completion of the programme you will gain full Chartered Member status and will be able to use the designation MCIOB.

- **Become better qualified** and more experienced
- **Gain in confidence** as you progress to a management career in construction

**At first, I thought the PDP approach would be challenging and I would need to spend a lot of time on it, but once I started to explore it I found many useful videos and instructions and learned about the e-portfolio and PDP structure pretty quickly. Once I got myself organised with the help of its instruction guide, I felt comfortable and very motivated to complete my modules swiftly.**

Vipattz Ratnarajah, MCIOB
Vocational qualifications

Our CIOB Site Management qualifications give students the knowledge and skills to manage complex projects effectively. We award over 300 students a year and we see the sense of achievement they have when they can list it on their CV to potential employers, enabling them to progress into senior management roles in construction.

Rosalind Thorpe, CIOB Director – Education & Standards
Specialist certifications

CIOB can help you gain specialist recognition in specific areas of construction, helping you to further your career.

**CIOB Building Conservation Certification Scheme**

The CIOB Building Conservation Certification Scheme, launched in 2017, as a response to the growing demand for ‘certified’ conservation specialists, is validation of your knowledge and competence in the treatment of historic buildings and structures.

Candidates will be required to demonstrate competence against the ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) Training and Education Guidelines, based on experience and qualifications. In addition, the Scheme requires a demonstration of competence towards sustainability and energy efficiency issues.

The Scheme offers three competence levels, each with different entry requirements and ultimately awarding a level-specific certificate. There is also the opportunity to progress up through the levels as you acquire additional qualifications and experience.

**Level 1: CIOB Registered in Building Conservation**

**Level 2: CIOB Proficient in Building Conservation**

**Level 3: CIOB Certified Building Conservation Specialist**

The Scheme is open to those who hold at least HNC/HND in Conservation and have typically three years’ relevant experience working in the following roles:

- Works supervisors, site managers, design coordinators/managers, project or construction managers, facilities or estates managers
CIOB Building Surveyor  
(for candidates in Republic of Ireland)

Registration as a CIOB Building Surveyor, provides a route to registration as outlined in the Building Control Act 2007, and is available to Chartered Members (MCIOB) and Fellows (FCIOB) who have at least two years’ practical building surveying experience. However, it does not automatically guarantee a professional title with the Irish Register of Building Surveyors and Quantity Surveyors.

To be suitable for this course you must have been employed on a full-time basis for a minimum of two years (or equivalent on a part-time basis), with experience from at least three of the following areas:

- Construction technology, building pathology, building measurement, condition surveys, planning acts, regulations and building regulations

...working in the following roles:

- Design and specifications, building services, health and safety regulations, contract administration/costing, project management

Alternatively, demonstration of specialised knowledge in any one of these areas in recent years, as may be considered appropriate by the admissions board.
Site construction qualifications

CIOB have been offering site supervision and site management courses for over forty years, designed to aid site operatives, skilled tradespeople and apprentices progress into site supervisory and management roles, and into professional membership.

Site Supervision

Our site supervisory qualifications provide all the necessary knowledge and skills to assist in supervising a team working on a construction project of any type and size.

CIOB Level 3 Diploma in Construction Site Supervisory Studies

This Diploma qualification will expand your knowledge and practical skills, enabling you to supervise construction projects safely and efficiently.

The course provides you with the knowledge and skills to supervise work on a construction project of any type and size when dealing with new and existing buildings and structures.

- **Develop the knowledge and skills to supervise work on a construction project** of any type and size when dealing with existing buildings and structures, safely and efficiently
- **Continuing to the CIOB Level 4 Certificate in Construction Site Management** will make you eligible for the CSCS Academically Qualified Persons Card (AQP Card).
Site Management

CIOB’s construction site management qualifications have been specifically developed to provide career progression and increase promotion prospects. These courses provide training for those who want to be, or might already be employed, in a managerial position.

CIOB Level 4 Certificate in Construction Site Management

Designed for supervisors and assistant site managers who are progressing into a construction site manager role. Gaining this certificate will make you eligible for the CSCS Academically Qualified Persons Card (AQP Card).

CIOB Level 4 Diploma in Construction Site Management

The Level 4 Diploma is designed for construction site managers who are progressing into managing larger and more complex construction projects.

- **Broaden your knowledge and skills** to plan and programme projects
- **Manage quality control** on construction sites
- **Develop your liaison skills with stakeholders** as you oversee large or complex construction projects safely and efficiently
- **Manage legislative requirements** for health, safety and welfare practice within a construction site

The Regulators, Ofqual, regulate both Level 3 and Level 4 qualifications. Qualifications in Wales regulate our Level 4 Certificate in Construction Site Management. The Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCWA) regulate our Level 4 Certificate and Diploma in Construction Site Management.
Building control qualifications

Local Authority Building Control (LABC) and Wolverhampton University.

As part of our commitment to demonstrating competence, raising standards, ensuring public protection and addressing the growing skills shortages faced by the construction industry, pioneering building control qualifications have been created in partnership with Local Authority Building Control (LABC) and the University of Wolverhampton.

Blended qualifications

These qualifications, developed in partnership with LABC, are delivered through a flexible, blended learning method. They include a specialist level 3 qualification in technical administration, whilst graduates at level 4 and 5 have a direct route to joining the University of Wolverhampton’s Degree Apprenticeship, which has been designed specifically for public service building control professionals.

CIOB Level 3 Certificate in Technical Support for Public Service Building Standards

Undertaking the Level 3 Certificate in Technical Support for Public Service Building Standards will develop the knowledge and skills to support Building Control professionals in their work.

- **Process the workload** of the building control team
- **Understand the importance of this role** and how information is conveyed to users of the service

CIOB Level 4 Diploma in Public Service Building Control Surveying

By undertaking the Level 4 Diploma in Building Control Surveying, you will develop the knowledge and skills to manage the compliance of domestic building projects.

CIOB Level 5 Diploma in Public Service Building Control Surveying

The Level 5 Diploma in Building Control Surveying will develop the knowledge and skills to manage the compliance of more complex commercial and high-rise building projects.

- **Evaluate applications for compliance**
- **Liaise with stakeholders and carry out** inspections to construction projects safely and efficiently
CIOB Level 6 Certificate in Fire Safety for Construction

The CIOB Level 6 Certificate in Fire Safety for Construction is designed for a range of construction related occupations including duty holder roles such as Building Safety Manager and project managers working on higher risk buildings (HRBs) as defined by UK building safety legislation.

CIOB Level 6 Diploma in Building Control Management

The Level 6 Diploma in Building Control Management is designed to develop the learner’s knowledge and skills in building control management, with three specialist options:

- Enforcement action
- Fire related matters for complex buildings
- Safety at sports grounds and other public events.

Level 6 Diploma in Building Safety Management

The CIOB Level 6 Diploma in Building Safety Management is designed for construction professionals moving into this key duty holder role. The qualification develops the learner’s knowledge and skills to manage the safety of the building in occupation.
Building control
degree apprenticeship

CIOB are strong advocates for apprenticeship schemes, and we work to ensure that apprenticeships are good quality for the learners enrolling on them and meet the needs of the employers who run them. We work with various employers, professional bodies, and the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education to help shape those standards.

Degree Apprenticeship for Building Control Surveyors, University of Wolverhampton

Developed in partnership with Local Authority Building Control (LABC) and the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE), this four-year degree qualification provides local authority apprentices with the depth and breadth of knowledge needed to be a competent local authority building control surveyor. The course is delivered by fully supported online learning, with further off-the-job training provided through a series of professional practice sessions, delivered in an online classroom environment.

Upon completion you will be awarded a Honours degree in Building Control Surveying and can become a Chartered Member of the CIOB.

This course provides the ideal platform to upskill and generate the next generation of qualified building control surveyors, it is industry relevant and meaningful for the sector, whilst measuring the competency of every professional working within Building Control.

Dr Paul Hampton – Associate Head of School of Architecture and Built Environment, University of Wolverhampton

Visit ciob.org/learning/find-courses to download Approved International CIOB centres
People who pursue their professional career with us are supported with a wide range of knowledge.
Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Continuing Professional Development, or CPD, is any learning that adds value and enhances your occupational knowledge and skill. This could mean honing current skills, it could mean developing them to a new level, or it could mean learning new ones. Attending relevant events, conferences and seminars, reading magazines and websites or researching new products and innovative methods can all contribute to CPD.

Technical publications

With members drawn from professional disciplines within building and construction supply chains, the CIOB hold a body of knowledge concerning the management of the total building process. Publications include technical information sheets, guides, construction papers and Construction Information.

CIOB library

The CIOB library offers Chartered Members, Fellows, Student members and Applicants a collection of construction related online journals and e-books which can be accessed globally, day or night. The collection covers thousands of books academic journals, magazines, reports and more.

Research and reports

We also produce our own research and reports on a variety of topics, often utilising the knowledge and expertise of our members. Recent research titles include ‘Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment’, ‘Construction and the Modern Slavery Act’ and the ‘Real Face of Construction’ which sets out the sector’s giant reach into the economy.

Training

The CIOB Academy is the home of professional development resources, designed to help those in construction or new to the industry further their careers, develop practical skills, gain qualifications and work towards Membership of the Institute.

For further support and advice please visit www.ciob.org/routes, or call our CIOB Member and Customer Services Team on +44 (0) 1344 630 700, email customerservice@ciob.org.uk
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