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Professional Qualifications

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Chartered Geologist

Chartered Scientist

European Geologist



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What's in it for me?

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- Mark of achievement of a high level of professional competency assessed by your peers
- Title of equal standing to those of other Chartered professions
- Governed by an enforceable Code of Conduct
- Competency maintained through CPD



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Chartered Geologist?
or
Chartered Scientist?
or
Both?



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Route to Chartership



Eligibility to apply

Accredited First Degree + 5 years

Accredited MSc + 4 years

Accredited Company Training Scheme + 4years



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CPD

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Chartered Professional Geologists and Scientists are required to maintain their Competency through an appropriate programme of Continuing Professional Development and to keep a record of this.

This record is evidence that you are maintaining your competence and is a reassurance to the public and employers that your work is of the highest standard.



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What actually is CPD?



- Courses and Lectures
- Personal reading of journals and regulations
- Learning whilst working
- Adding to knowledge (writing papers)
- Teaching others
- All does not have to be geology as learning IT skills, Financial skills, Management Skills, Organising conferences etc are all CPD.



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Geoscience Professionals

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What should you do to become a Geoscience Professional?

Maintain a record of your learning and experience.

- This includes courses you have done, fieldwork undertaken, specialisms/skills you have developed.
- Do not forget to include the learning of soft skills such as Presentation, Team leadership as well as other skills such as GIS.
- This should continue throughout your career



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Continuing to record your professional development.



- When you start work record CPD, both work associated and that which you do voluntarily.
- Record all the projects undertaken and the learning involved.
- Follow an annual Plan-Act-Reflect cycle.
- This record shows commitment to professional competency development. It is very useful for keeping your cv up to date and show to a new employer as you move on.



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Going for a job

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- Ask the prospective employer about their plans for your development. Have they got an Accredited Training Scheme and will you have a mentor?
- Such schemes are valuable to the company allowing them to attract and retain staff by showing that they are valued.
- Employees gain guidance in development of their professional competencies.



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Chartership value

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- Companies can charge higher fees for professionally qualified staff.
- Some companies have a requirement for Chartership before promotion.
- Raising the status of the profession.
- Recognition outside (government, companies, the public) that geoscience is a highly skilled profession and valuable to all.



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Here to help...

www.geolsoc.org.uk

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The screenshot shows the website's header with the logo, navigation menu (Membership & Chartership, Publications, Library & Information Services, Events, Education & Careers, Policy & Media, Geoscientist Online, Groups & Networks, About Us), and a search bar. The main content area features a 'MEMBERSHIP & CHARTERSHIP' sidebar with links like 'Join the Society', 'Already a Member?', and 'Fellowship Directory'. The central banner celebrates '25 YEARS OF CHARTERSHIP' with a photo of two people and text about the Society's history. Below this is a 'Membership & Chartership' section with a sub-header 'Belonging to the Geological Society of London' and text describing membership benefits and the CGeol postnominal.

APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Apply online or download a PDF form. There are forms for every grade of membership.

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