

Membership Grades



The Royal Aeronautical Society offers grades of membership for enthusiasts and professionals alike. For those working in aerospace, membership provides professional recognition and development as an individual's career progresses.

Individuals applying for membership of the Society may also apply for registration with the Engineering Council. Subject to qualifications and experience, grades that may be achieved are Chartered Engineer (CEng), Incorporated Engineer (IEng) and Engineering Technician (EngTech).

Student Affiliate

FREE membership for full-time students of 16 and over intending to follow a career in aerospace.

Affiliate

Anyone associated with, or interested in, aerospace.

Associate (ARAEs)

Open to those with one of the following qualifications:

- A UK ordinary degree or equivalent
- A National/Scottish Vocational Qualification (NVQ or SVQ) Level 3 or equivalent (e.g. BTEC National Certificate)
- A Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer who has held a UK CAA Licence without type rating or equivalent for two years
- Three years' relevant experience

Applicants for ARAEs may also be entitled to apply to the Engineering Council for EngTech.

Associate Member (AMRAEs)

For those with one of the following qualifications:

- An Honours degree or equivalent and two years' professional development
- A National/Scottish Vocational Qualification (NVQ/SVA) Level 4 or equivalent (e.g. BTEC Higher National Certificate) and two years' relevant experience
- Twelve years' appropriate experience
- A Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer who has held a UK CAA Licence with type rating or equivalent for three years, OR has appropriate company approvals and two years' work experience involving supervisory and/or technical administration

Applicants for AMRAEs may also be eligible to apply for EngTech or IEng.

Member (MRAEs)

There are two ways to qualify as a Member:

- Hold an Honours degree or equivalent, along with two years' postgraduate training and a further two years' experience at an appropriate level of responsibility
- Have normally fifteen years' experience, of which the last seven years should be in a position of responsibility

Applicants for MRAEs may also be eligible to apply for CEng, IEng or EngTech.

Companion (CRAEs)

Companionship is granted to those who are of valuable service to the profession of aeronautics, engaged in related professions with equivalent qualifications and experience as Fellows but who do not qualify for that grade. An example would be senior executives moving into the industry from other sectors later in their careers.

Fellow (FRAEs)

Fellowship is the highest grade attainable and is only bestowed upon those in the profession of aeronautics or aerospace who meet the requirements for Member and can also demonstrate that they meet one of the following criteria:

- Made outstanding contributions to the industry
- Attained a position of high profile in an influential role
- Have had long experience in a position of responsibility

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS JOINING AND UPGRADING



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Welcome to the World's Foremost Aerospace Community

The Royal Aeronautical Society is the world's only professional body dedicated to the entire aerospace community. Established in 1866 to further the art, science and engineering of aeronautics, the Society has been at the forefront of developments in aerospace ever since.

What do we do?

- Promote the highest possible standards in all aerospace disciplines
- Provide specialist information and act as a forum for the exchange of ideas
- Play a leading role in influencing opinion on aerospace matters

What does Society membership offer you?

- Membership grades for professionals and enthusiasts alike
- Professional recognition and development
- The opportunity to contribute to advancing the aerospace profession
- Access to a global network of 17,000 members in over 100 countries
- A wealth of information through monthly publications, the website and social media communications, as well as our internationally renowned aerospace reference library and archive
- Preferential rates for the Society's 400+ events and conferences held each year
- Unparalleled professional networking opportunities through events and involvement with the Society's 24 Specialist Groups and 60+ Branches
- Free careers guidance
- Over 3,500 young members and a thriving Young Persons Board
- Use of the Airbus Business Suite and the Members' Bar

The Society's membership profile is drawn from a diverse range of organisations and fields of expertise including engineering, design, aircrew and air traffic control, along with the professions that serve the aerospace and aviation industry, such as law, finance, marketing and recruitment.

Key Membership Benefits

Professional Recognition

- Worldwide professional recognition
- Use of post-nominal designations
- A route to gaining Engineering Council registration

Professional Development

The Society's Conference and Lecture programme is aimed at professional development and attracts high profile delegates and speakers. Society members have free and preferential access to lectures and a substantial discount on conference fees.

Comprehensive Information Sources

- Two complimentary monthly publications:
 - **Aerospace International** – a magazine packed with topical articles, in-depth news, conference reports, new products, services and contracts
 - **The Aerospace Professional** – news about the Society and its members, including forthcoming events
- A substantial discount on **The Aeronautical Journal**, the UK's leading scientific and technical aerospace archival reference
- The Society's **website** and **social media** activities enable you to keep up to date on the latest developments in the industry. Everything you need to know about the Society is online and members can access the **publication archives** and update their membership details.
- The **National Aerospace Library** at Farnborough houses one of the world's most extensive research libraries devoted to the development of aviation from the dawn of flight to present times.

Professional Network

The Society's social media activities, events, Specialist Groups, Committees, Branches and Divisions provide unparalleled opportunities for networking and exchange of views internationally, nationally and locally.

Influencing the Future of Aerospace

The Society is a global forum of opinion on the latest developments in the aerospace industry that all members are welcome to have input to. Knowledge and ideas are openly debated:

- At the Society's conferences and lectures
- In the Society's magazines and Journal
- Through the website and social media channels

As a prominent, independent, authoritative body the Society has significant influence on issues confronting today's aerospace community and by briefing the media plays a crucial role in raising the profile of the aerospace community.

Careers Advice

The Society's Careers Centre provides expert information and personalised support for people at all stages of their career, helping individuals make informed decisions about their education, training, employment and career development.

Young Members

The thriving Young Persons Board is committed to meeting the needs of members aged 30 and under. It highlights and addresses the issues affecting aerospace professionals in the early stages of their career.

Use of the Airbus Business Suite

With Internet access, comfortable surroundings and refreshments, the Airbus Business Suite and the Members' Bar at the Society's HQ in central London provide an ideal stop-off point for those visiting London or between appointments.

