Society of Light and Lighting
Guidance to applicants for election and transfer

The Society offers a range of classes of membership designed to recognise members’ qualifications and experience in light and lighting. Details of the requirements for the various classes are given below. There are separate forms for those applying for membership and for those transferring from one class to another.

When you apply for membership, you will be accepted initially as an Affiliate or a Student member of the Society. If you are applying for a higher class, you will receive all the benefits of membership while your application is considered.

Some candidates will qualify by means of the “experience” routes and come from a wide range of backgrounds, so it will not be simple to assess applications and the Membership Panel reserves the right to interview any candidate. The acceptable criteria listed in these guidance notes are not intended to be exhaustive but to guide applicants on the type of information that will assist the Membership Panel in its assessments.

All new members of the Society will also automatically become members of CIBSE in the Affiliate or Student grades which have no specific qualification/experience requirements. If you wish to be a member of CIBSE in a grade other than Affiliate or Student, please contact the Institution’s membership department for the relevant forms. If you are already a member of CIBSE, you will retain your existing CIBSE grade upon joining the Society but your class of Society membership will be based on your qualifications and experience in light and lighting, not on your CIBSE grade.

All candidates should also show evidence of a commitment to continuing professional development.

NOTE: The period of relevant experience in light and lighting may be aggregated over a period, eg 5 years @ 50% plus 3 years @ 67% plus ½ a year @ 100% aggregates to five years full time – please show percentage of lighting work on application where relevant.

**Student**

- Any candidate who is already a Student member of CIBSE
- Any new applicant who is undertaking a full or part time course in light and lighting recognised by the Society (will also become a CIBSE Student member)

Student members are transferred to Affiliate on ceasing to be a Student member of CIBSE or completing a recognised course in light and lighting

**Affiliate**

The entry class for all new members of the Society other than Student members and for those transferring from Student member

- Having an interest in light and lighting

**Associate Member**

**Associate Members** of the Society can use the designatory letters AMSLL.

Applicants must meet one of the following sets of education, training and experience criteria, or their equivalent:

**Education + 2 year period of relevant experience in light and lighting**

- Hold a 1st degree, Master’s degree or doctorate degree in lighting (courses to be assessed individually for doctorate and overseas qualifications – please provide evidence)
- Has achieved a pass in 3 LIA Advanced Certificate modules
- Has achieved a pass in the LET Diploma

**Professional Recognition + 2 year period of relevant experience in light and lighting**

- Has obtained CEng status
- Is a registered architect
Education + 3 year period of relevant experience in light and lighting
- Has undertaken an approved course based on the CIBSE Core syllabus in lighting
- Has passed 2 BTEC National Certificate Lighting units (level N) or equivalent examinations
- Has achieved a pass in 2 LIA Advanced Certificate modules

Professional Review + 5 year period of relevant experience in light and lighting
- Has relevant experience in light and lighting over a period of 5 years and has attained a position demonstrating a level of proven competence in light and lighting and has successfully completed a professional review statement (criteria at www.sll.org.uk)

Member

**Members of the Society can use the designatory letters MSLL.**

Applicants must meet one of the following sets of education, training and experience criteria, or their equivalent:

Education + 5 year period of relevant experience in light and lighting
- Hold a 1st degree, Master’s degree or doctorate degree in lighting (courses to be assessed individually for doctorate and overseas qualifications – please provide evidence)
- Has achieved a pass in 3 LIA Advanced Certificate modules
- Has achieved a pass in the LET Diploma
- Has passed 3 BTEC National Certificate Lighting units (level H – 4 or 5) or equivalent examinations

Professional Recognition + 5 year period of relevant experience in light and lighting
- Has relevant experience in light and lighting over a period of at least 5 years and successfully complete a design report - covering a lighting project or topic (criteria at www.sll.org.uk)

Critical Report + 5 year period of relevant experience in light and lighting
- Has relevant lighting experience over a period of at least 5 years and successfully complete a design report - covering a lighting project or topic (criteria at www.sll.org.uk)

Education + 7 year period of relevant experience in light and lighting
- Has undertaken an approved course based on the CIBSE Core syllabus in lighting
- Has achieved a pass in 2 LIA Advanced Certificate modules

Professional Review + 10 year period of relevant experience in light and lighting
- Has relevant experience in light and lighting over a period of 10 years and has attained a position demonstrating a level of proven competence in light and lighting and has successfully completed a professional review statement (criteria at www.sll.org.uk)

Fellow

**Fellows of the Society can use the designatory letters FSLL.**

Candidates will normally be required to satisfy all of the following criteria:

- Meet the requirements for the Member class (see guidance)
- Have held a responsible position in light and lighting or a related field for not less than ten years
- Have made a significant contribution to light and lighting; this may include a contribution to the work of a professional body
- Show evidence of a commitment to continuing professional development.

Candidates will normally be asked to attend an interview.