

Society of Vertical Transportation Guide to Membership



Society of Vertical Transportation (SoVT)

SoVT is a global professional community for individuals interested in the vertical transportation industry, including those involved in the design, engineering, installation, and innovation of lifts, escalators, and vertical mobility systems.

The SoVT is committed to advancing the vertical transportation industry. Supporting VT professionals at every stage - from students to industry leaders - and provides opportunities for recognition, development, and connection across the global built environment.

Global shifts in building safety standards and focus on sustainability mean that professional registration for those working in the VT sector is more important than ever before and can be gained by joining the SoVT.



The Society of Vertical Transportation sits within CIBSE, drawing on its legacy, infrastructure and operations to support VT professionals by providing routes to Engineering Council registration. This EC registration can only be achieved with CIBSE membership, so your SoVT membership and CIBSE membership will be linked.

Member Benefits

Becoming a CIBSE and SoVT member means more than just joining a professional body - it is your gateway to exclusive benefits designed to elevate your career, expand your network, and keep you ahead in the ever-evolving building services industry.

RECOGNITION & ACCREDITATION

Strengthen and maintain your professional standing with CIBSE's internationally respected qualifications and Chartership pathways, showing your continued commitment to excellence.

CAREER GROWTH & CPD

Gain access to accredited Continuing Professional Development (CPD) resources, training, and certifications that keep your skills sharp, and your expertise recognised globally.

KNOWLEDGE PORTAL

Stay informed with the latest industry research, technical guides, and best practice through our extensive library of resources and expert insights.



No matter where you are in your professional journey, CIBSE membership empowers you to lead, learn, and excel in your field.

GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

Connect with a diverse community of professionals, share knowledge, and collaborate through our Societies, Groups, and Networks.

EVENTS & CONFERENCES

Attend premier events, workshops, and conferences that bring you closer to the industry's cutting edge and offer invaluable learning and networking opportunities.

Membership Grades



There is an SoVT membership grade for you - whether early in your career, an established specialist or you just have a passing interest in VT. All SoVT membership is awarded through CIBSE membership. Explore the options to find the membership grade that reflects your experience and ambition or go online to use the SoVT membership finder.

Without Professional Registration

For those looking to stay connected who don't need professional registration or professional membership there are the following options:



STUDENT

For full-time or part-time students studying a STEM subject with an interest in VT. You must be enrolled on a course at a recognised education establishment.



AFFILIATE

For those with a general interest in VT, wishing to receive updates and invitations to SoVT events and want access to CIBSE member benefits.



CORRESPONDENT

For those wishing to receive updates and invitations to SoVT events but do not want to gain access to the CIBSE member benefits.

Professional Registration

For those looking to be professionally registered and be allowed to use SoVT post nominals.

The Engineering Council professional registration process verifies that an engineer or technician has reached a set standard of knowledge, understanding, occupational competence, and commitment to Continued Professional Development (CPD). Professional registration sets individual engineers and technicians apart from those not registered. Gaining a professional title increases a person's earning potential and establishes credibility and standing within industry. **EngTech**, **IEng** and **CEng** are internationally recognised.

To provide you with professional registration, SoVT grades are linked to CIBSE grades which are mapped to the Engineering Council's criteria. Upon successful completion of your application, you will be entitled to use the corresponding Engineering Council, SoVT and CIBSE nominals as outlined in the table below. CIBSE offers both academic and experience routes to professional registration. The experience route supports those who do not hold the required qualifications and need additional supporting evidence.

Grade	Engineering Council UK Registration	CIBSE Post Nominals	SoVT Post Nominals
Licentiate	EngTech	LCIBSE	LSoVT
Associate	IEng	ACIBSE	ASoVT
Member	CEng	MCIBSE	MSoVT
Fellow	CEng	FCIBSE or MCIBSE	FSoVT

LICENTIATE

EngTech LCIBSE
LSoVT

Licentiate members and Engineering Technicians contribute to the design, development and maintenance of products, processes or services. They apply proven techniques and procedures to the solution of practical engineering problems.

Membership of SoVT and registration as EngTech is achieved with LCIBSE. To automatically qualify for SoVT membership on approval you must select vertical transportation as your engineering discipline on application.

ASSOCIATE

IENG ACIBSE
ASoVT

Associate members maintain, operate and manage applications of current and developing technology, and may undertake engineering design, development, manufacture, construction and operation.

Membership of SoVT and registration as IEng is achieved with ACIBSE. To automatically qualify for SoVT membership on approval you must select vertical transportation as your engineering discipline on application.

MEMBER

CEng MCIBSE
MSoVT

Members develop solutions to engineering problems using new or existing technologies, through innovation, creativity and change and/or they may have technical accountability for complex systems with significant levels of risk.

Membership of SoVT and registration as CEng is achieved with MCIBSE. To automatically qualify for SoVT membership on approval you must select vertical transportation as your engineering discipline on application.



FELLOW

FSoVT

A Fellow will have reached a senior position of responsibility and accountability. You will need to be able to demonstrate a significant contribution to the VT sector. There are four pathways to FSoVT, visit the website to find a route that suits you.

Joining SoVT

Once you've decided which SoVT grade is the right one for you, there are three different pathways to membership. All SoVT membership is awarded via CIBSE membership.



NEW TO CIBSE

Apply for CIBSE membership selecting vertical transportation as your engineering discipline.



ALREADY HOLD CIBSE MEMBERSHIP

Fast track route to SoVT membership depending on your grade and VT experience.



REGISTERED ENGTECH, IENG OR CENG

For those registered with another UK engineering institution, there is a fast track route to SoVT membership depending on your grade and VT experience.

NEXT STEPS

1. Visit the website to find out more detailed application information - cibse.org/sovt.
2. Read the specific application guidance for the grade you wish to apply for.
3. Contact us if you need more help - sovt@cibse.org

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