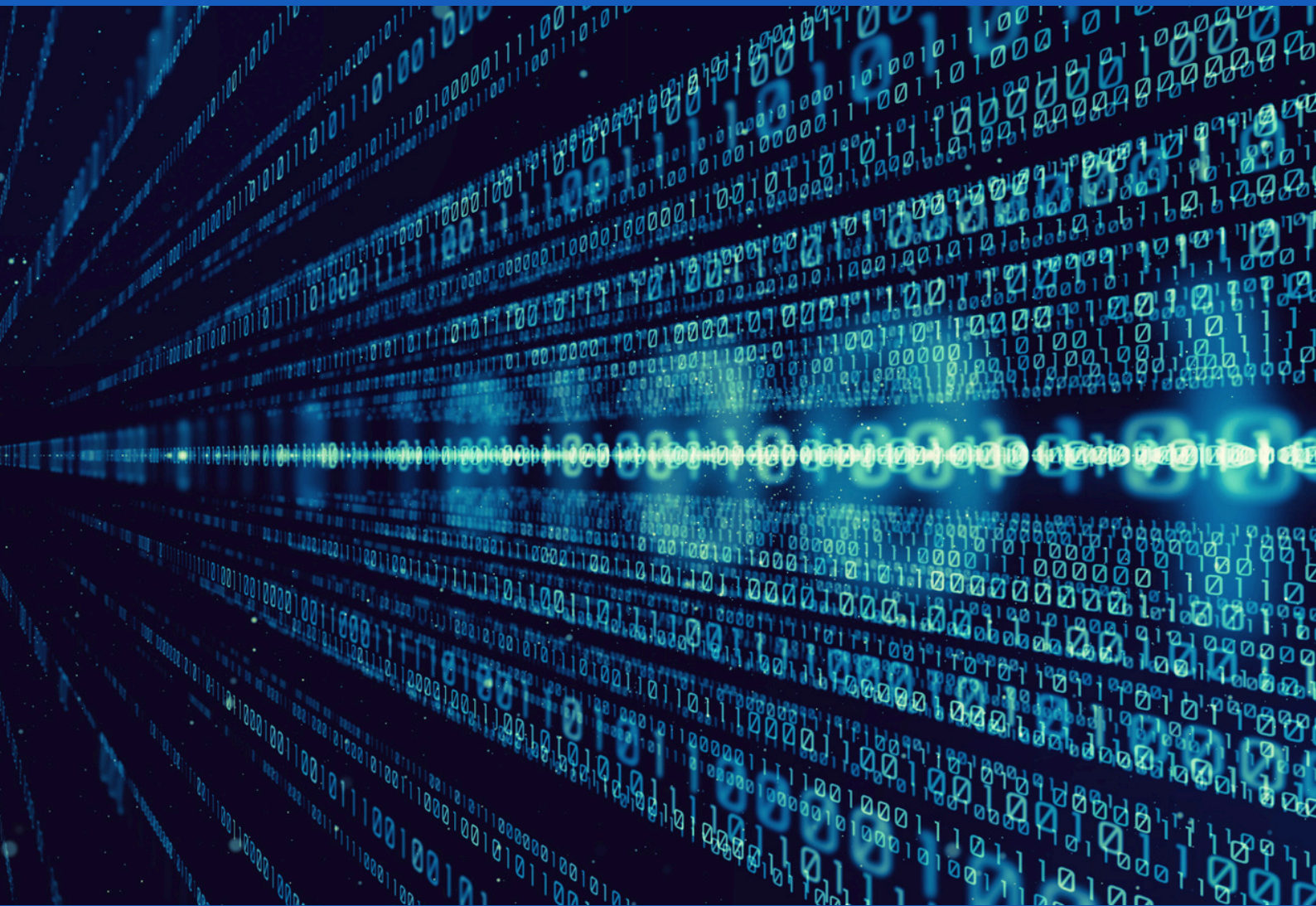


Society of Digital Engineering (SDE) Guide to Membership



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SDE is a global professional community for individuals interested in digital engineering, including those involved in digitising the built environment, either as designers, contractors, manufacturers, clients, facility managers or software vendors.

The SDE is committed to advancing digital engineering within our industry. Supporting 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 information modelling and a focus on sustainability mean that professional registration for those working in the sector is more important than ever before and can be gained by joining the SDE.



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

Member Benefits

Becoming a CIBSE and SDE 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 Regions.

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 SDE membership grade for you - whether early in your career, an established specialist or you just have a passing interest in digitising the built environment. All SDE 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 SDE membership finder.

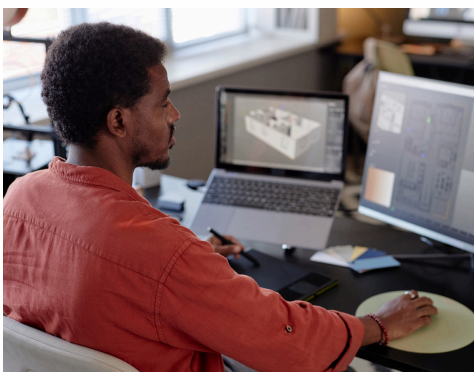
Student and Affiliate Membership

For those just starting out or looking to stay connected or simply with a general interest in digital engineering 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 digitising the built environment. You must be enrolled on a course at a recognised education establishment.



AFFILIATE

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

Professional Membership

For those looking to be professionally recognised and to use SDE post nominals. Profession registration is also available with these corporate grades.

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, SDE 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, SDE 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	SDE Post Nominals
Licentiate	EngTech	LCIBSE	LSDE
Associate	IEng	ACIBSE	ASDE
Member	CEng	MCIBSE	MSDE
Fellow	CEng	FCIBSE or MCIBSE	FSDE

LICENTIATE

EngTech
LCIBSE LSDE

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 SDE and registration as EngTech is achieved with LCIBSE. To automatically qualify for SDE membership on approval you must select digital engineering as your engineering discipline on application.

ASSOCIATE

LEng
ACIBSE ASDE

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

Membership of SDE and registration as LEng is achieved with ACIBSE. To automatically qualify for SDE membership on approval you must select digital engineering as your engineering discipline on application.

MEMBER

CEng
MCIBSE MSDE

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 SDE and registration as CEng is achieved with MCIBSE. To automatically qualify for SDE membership on approval you must select digital engineering as your engineering discipline on application.



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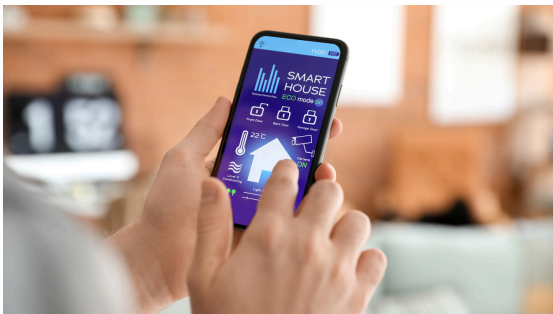
FSDE

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

Joining SDE

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

If you are applying for a professional grade you may want to register as an SDE Affiliate for immediate access to membership benefits.



NEW TO CIBSE

Apply for CIBSE membership selecting digital engineering as your engineering discipline.



ALREADY HOLD CIBSE MEMBERSHIP

Fast track route to SDE membership depending on your grade and digital engineering experience.



REGISTERED ENGTECH, IENG OR CENG

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

NEXT STEPS

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

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