

Guidance Documents

**Joining the Arboricultural Association –
Advice for Hong Kong Applicants**

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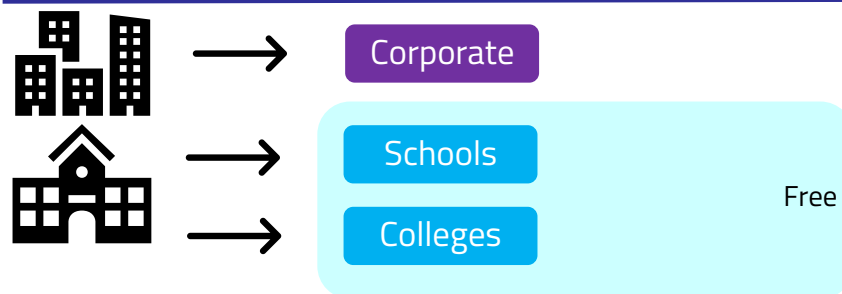
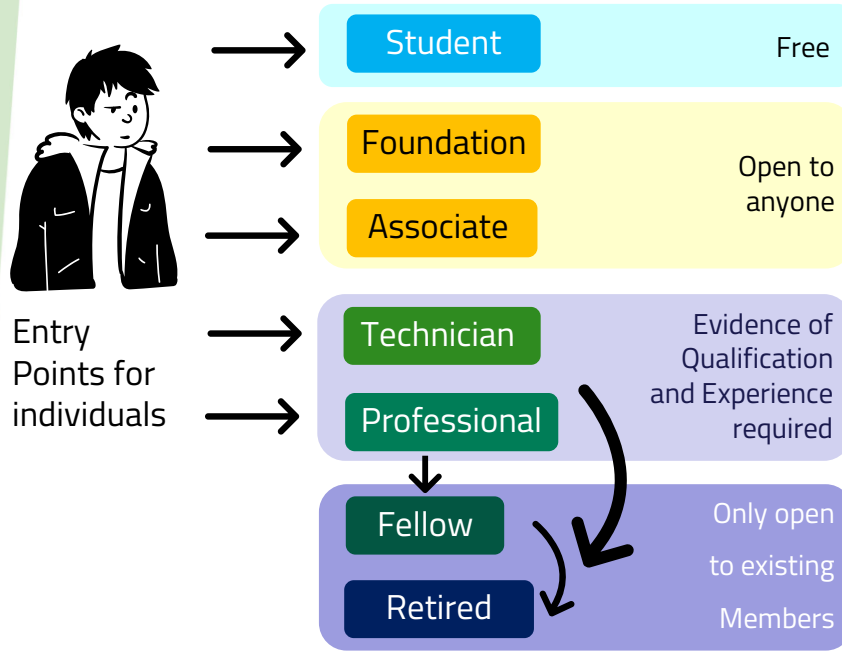
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Membership Structure



Membership Add-Ons

Registered Environmental Technician
Open to Tech, Prof, Fellow

Registered Environmental Practitioner
Open to Prof and Fellow

Chartered Environmentalist
Open to Prof and Fellow

Membership Benefits



Personal
Development
opportunities



Training
Course
Discounts



A unique
membership
journey suited
to you



Arb Magazine
in print and
online every
quarter



Technical
Advice



Access to Help
for Arborists



Online
Webinar library



Access to the
Arboricultural
Journal for
new research



Membership
Card and
Welcome Pack



Free ARB
Show Entry



A collective
voice for our
industry



Membership
Certificates,
logos and
Post-nominals

What are the Requirements to Join as a Technician Member?



- Technician applicants must hold a substantial academic qualification in Arboriculture or a closely related subject at HK Qualification Level 3, or higher.
- We are **not** able to accept practical skills qualifications such as tree climbing or tree felling; or single topic courses such as Supervision of Tree Work or Professional Tree Inspection as your primary qualification for your application.

Examples of Hong Kong Arboricultural Qualifications we Accept for Technician Membership

1. Advanced Diploma in Tree Management & Conservation - HKU SPACE
2. Certificate in Professional Tree Management – OUHK/LiPACE
3. Professional Diploma in Arboriculture – CUHK/LiPACE
4. Diploma in Arboriculture - CUSCS
5. Professional Certificate in Arboriculture and Tree Work Supervision – IVE
6. Associate Degree in Tree Management – CIE HK Baptist University
7. Higher Diploma in Conservation and Tree Management – IVE
8. Certificate in Arboricultural Management – ERB
9. Professional Certificate in Horticulture, Arboriculture and Landscape Management – THEi
10. Professional Diploma in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry – IVE
11. Professional Diploma in Tree Management – SCE- Hong Kong Baptist University

You will need to upload a copy of your qualification certificate when you apply.

Applying with Qualifications in Related Subjects

- If applying with qualifications in related subjects please provide a copy of your qualification plus transcripts or module list if relevant.
- Please provide a comprehensive resume or CV showing at least two years of arboricultural experience.
- Please provide a CPD record showing evidence that you have completed a range of arb relevant training courses, seminars, workshops etc. within the last 5 years. You can use webinars and online study as CPD.



What are the Requirements to Join as a Professional Member?



- Professional Membership applicants must hold a substantial academic qualification in Arboriculture or a closely related subject at HK Qualification Level 4 or 5, or higher.
- Please note that shorter HK Qualification Level 4 qualifications will not be accepted – ideally qualifications should be Diplomas.
- Applicants must also have two years of senior level experience in arboriculture or tree care. Assistant level roles will not be considered for Professional membership.

Examples of Hong Kong Arboricultural Qualifications we Accept for Professional Membership

1. Professional Diploma in Arboriculture – CUHK/LiPACE
2. Higher Diploma in Conservation and Tree Management – IVE
3. Professional Diploma in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry – IVE
4. Professional Diploma in Tree Management – SCE- Hong Kong Baptist University
5. BSc (Hons) in Horticulture, Arboriculture and Landscape Management – THEi
6. Professional Diploma in Horticulture, Arboriculture and Landscape Management – THEi

We will accept arboricultural degrees or L4/5 diplomas from other training providers and universities. Please contact us if unsure.

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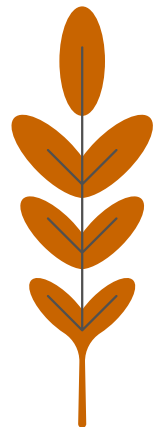
- If applying with qualifications in related subjects please provide a copy of your qualification plus transcripts or module list if relevant.
- Please provide a comprehensive resume or CV showing at least 5 years of arboricultural experience, 2 of which should be at a senior level (i.e. you work autonomously).
- Please provide a CPD record showing evidence that you have completed a range of arb relevant training courses, seminars, workshops etc. within the last 5 years. You can use webinars and online study as CPD.

Preparing a Resume or CV to support your application

To allow our assessors to make an accurate decision on your application your resume should provide the following information:

- Your current job title and current responsibilities and duties – focusing on arboricultural experience.
- Your past job titles and previous responsibilities and duties- focusing on arboricultural experience.
- Dates should be provided for each role held (start date and end date).
- Details of qualifications achieved and dates
- Details of other education or training and dates
- Details of any relevant volunteering or charity work

Please ensure that your arboricultural experience is clearly demonstrated and do not submit letters of recommendation from employers instead of a CV as we cannot consider these.

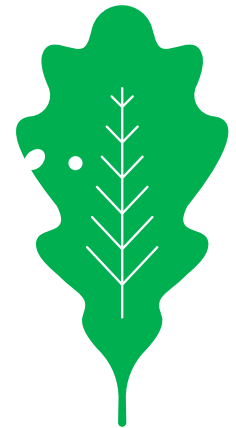


What information needs to be shown in my CPD (Continuous Professional Development) record?

- Any arb related courses completed with dates of attendance.
- Any arb related seminars, conferences or talks with dates of attendance.
- Any arb related volunteer work or mentoring with dates.
- Any arb related online training, webinars or e-learning with dates.
- Any arb related reading or research completed or ongoing, with dates.

We would expect to see evidence of attending several arb training courses, events or seminars. Tree related volunteering would also count.

Please note that practical arboricultural training such as climbing or chainsaw courses are not as highly regarded as more academic or scientific training for membership application CPD purposes.



How to Apply

- The easiest way to apply is online via our website www.trees.org.uk
- Please make sure you have your supporting documents ready to upload before starting your application.
- Please note that the email address you register with will be the address we use to contact you.
- Please ensure that your postal address is populated in the correct format.
- Please be aware that our system automatically formats names in the European tradition – Personal name(s) followed by Family name. If you would like us to format your name differently for your certificate or card please let us know.



Thank you for viewing this guide, we hope it helps you prepare your application.

Questions?
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