

**THE BRITISH INSTITUTE
OF
NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING**

Register of Members

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1. Categories of membership

Voting Member Grades

Honorary Fellow
Honorary Member
Fellow
Member
Associate Member

Non-voting Member Grades

Affiliate
Corporate

Honorary Fellows:

Distinguished persons who are intimately connected with Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) or a Science allied thereto, whom the Institute especially desires to honour, shall be eligible to become Honorary Fellows. Honorary Fellows shall not be liable for payment of any subscriptions but shall otherwise enjoy the full privilege of Fellowship.

Honorary Members:

Any persons whom the Institute desires to honour shall be eligible to become Honorary Members. Honorary Members shall not be liable for payment of any subscriptions but shall otherwise enjoy the full privilege of Membership.

Fellows:

Entry is limited to candidates who have long experience of high calibre and responsibility. No specific qualifications are laid down; each application is assessed on the overall merits of the candidate. Typically, candidates would be of at least five years standing as a Member and would have had at least ten years high calibre experience and have achieved a position of high responsibility. Chartered Engineers of at least five years standing and scientists of comparable status and seniority may also qualify. In addition, candidates would normally have made (or be making) a significant contribution to the NDT, condition monitoring or associated industry and/or the Institute.

NOTE: It is the candidate's responsibility to supply sufficient information to allow BINDT to arrive at a decision on the application. This may take the form of a written justification, which may be requested if not originally supplied.

Members:

Entry is by one of three routes: possession of a Personnel Certification in NDT (PCN) Level 3 qualification or equivalent; possession of one or more relevant academic (refer to document 'Education requirements for voting membership of the British Institute of NDT'); or, applicants who do not have the required qualifications but can demonstrate that they have the appropriate knowledge and understanding may enter via the Individual Route.

Candidates with a minimum of five years' combined approved professional development in NDT, condition monitoring or related technologies, with at least two years in position(s) of responsibility, would normally be eligible for entry to the grade of Member of the Institute.

Associate Members:

Entry is by one of two routes: possession of a PCN Level 2 qualification or equivalent; possession of one or more relevant academic qualifications (refer to document 'Education requirements for voting membership of the British Institute of NDT').

Candidates with a minimum of three years' combined approved professional development in NDT, condition monitoring or related technologies would normally be eligible for entry to the grade of Associate Member of the Institute.

Affiliate Membership:

Affiliate membership shall be open to any persons who have a demonstrable interest in Non-Destructive Testing, Condition Monitoring or any of the related technologies but who are ineligible for membership or who, for whatever reason, do not wish to join at one of the voting grades. This includes *bona fide* students of science, engineering, metallurgy or other NDT-related subjects, managers, trainees or assistants engaged in NDT, condition monitoring or related technologies and NDT certificate holders who will be referred to as BINDT Registered Practitioners. Affiliate Members shall not be eligible for any senior office of the Institute and shall have no voting powers, except as specified in item 5(b).

Corporate Membership:

Corporate membership shall be open to companies, firms or other organisations and entitles the Corporate Member to receive all publications and notices of the Institute and to nominate two persons as its representatives, but without voting rights (unless the individual is in membership at any of the voting grades in their own right).

2. Procedure for election to membership:

(a) *Honorary Fellows:*

The Croxson Committee will carry out an initial filter of all nominations that will systematically be channelled to Council for ratification via the Membership, Qualification & Education Committee. The Membership, Qualification & Education Committee will assess those nominations and decide whether or not to recommend that Council should bestow the respective honour.

(b) *Honorary Members:*

The Croxson Committee will carry out an initial filter of all nominations that will systematically be channelled to Council for ratification via the Membership, Qualification & Education Committee. The Membership, Qualification & Education Committee will assess those nominations and decide whether or not to recommend that Council should bestow the respective honour.

(c) Voting grades: Subject as herein provided, application for membership to any of the voting grades set out in 1 above shall be made on the prescribed form, which shall include details of two referees of appropriate standing, and that shall be subject to approval by the Membership, Qualification and Education Committee and thereafter subject to ratification by Council.

(d) Non-voting grades: Subject as herein provided, application for membership in any of the non-voting grades set out in 1 above shall be made on the prescribed form and shall be subject to approval by the Membership, Qualification and Education Committee and thereafter subject to ratification by Council.

(e) The names of successful applicants for any grade of membership or any transfer from one grade to another shall be published in the Journal in the first available issue. In case of non-election to membership the name of the applicant shall not be mentioned in any publication of a Branch, Committee, or Council and any advance subscriptions from the applicant shall be returned.

3. Certificates and abbreviated titles

(a) Every Fellow, Member and Associate Member shall, subject to payment of such fee as Council may from time to time prescribe, be entitled to receive a Certificate showing the class to which he or she belongs and every Honorary Fellow and Honorary Member shall similarly be entitled to a Certificate in such form as Council may from time to time approve. Every Certificate shall remain the property of, and shall on demand be returned to the Institute.

- (b) Subject to regulations by Council, Honorary Fellows, Fellows, Honorary Members, Members and Associate Members may indicate their class of membership by authorised abbreviation as follows:

Honorary Fellow	HonFInstNDT
Fellow	FInstNDT
Honorary Member	HonMInstNDT
Member	MInstNDT
Associate Member	AMInstNDT

4. Subscriptions

- (a) Fellows, Members, Associate Members and Corporate Members shall pay, until otherwise determined by Council, such annual subscriptions as Council may from time to time determine and the Institute approves in a General Meeting.
- (b) Subscriptions shall be payable on election and subsequently each year in advance on the first day of the anniversary month of receipt of the first subscription in each year or otherwise as shall be determined from time to time by Council and/or provided in the Articles.
- (c) Members who have reached the HMRC state pension age, or who are over 60 years of age and have been a Member for 30 years or more, regardless of employment status, shall be eligible for the Retired Member grade.
- (d) Affiliate membership is a free grade of membership.

5. Membership

- (a) Every Honorary Fellow, Honorary Member, Fellow, Member and Associate Member shall:
- (i) Be entitled to attend, take part and vote at any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Institute.
 - (ii) Be eligible for membership of Council and Institute committees.
 - (iii) Be eligible for senior office of the Institute.
 - (iv) Be entitled to support candidates for admission to the Institute limited to the Member's own grade or lower.
 - (v) Be entitled to receive a printed, or access an electronic copy, of each issue of appropriate Institute publications during the time in respect of which subscriptions have been paid.
- (b) Every Affiliate shall be entitled only:
- (i) To attend and take part in any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Institute.
 - (ii) To attend and take part in Branch meetings, Institute working groups and forums.

- (iii) To access an electronic copy of each issue of appropriate Institute publications during the time in membership.
- (c) Every nominated representative of a Corporate Member shall be entitled only:
- (i) To attend and take part in any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Institute.
 - (ii) To attend and take part in Branch meetings, Institute working groups and forums.
 - (iii) To access an electronic copy of each issue of appropriate Institute publications during the time in respect of which subscriptions have been paid.
- (d) Every Member of whatever grade shall be bound:
- (i) To advance, to the best of his or her ability, the objects, charitable objects, interests and influence of the Institute.
 - (ii) To observe the Articles and Bye-Laws.
 - (iii) To pay all dues at such time and in such manner as required at that time.
 - (iv) To pay and make good to the Institute any loss or damage to the property of the Institute caused by his or her wilful act or default.
 - (v) To observe, in all his or her professional relations, the accepted ethics associated with the profession and the Institute's Code of Ethics and to maintain at all times the dignity of the profession and the reputation of the Institute.
- (e) A Member from whom any money due to the Institute remains unpaid or whose annual subscription remains unpaid for three months after the date on which payment became due shall not, unless Council determine otherwise, be entitled to exercise any of the privileges or rights of membership until he or she has paid in full all monies due from him or her to the Institute.

6. Exclusion of Members

- (a) Membership shall cease:
- (i) If the Member shall become bankrupt or make any assignment for the benefit of or by way of trust for his or her creditors.
 - (ii) If the Member is no longer capable of meeting the obligations of membership through ill health or any other reason.
 - (iii) If the Member resigns. Resignation shall be submitted in writing and shall be accompanied by a remittance in respect of any subscription of other moneys then due from him or her including the subscription for the current year.

- (iv) If, and when, the Member's subscription shall be in arrears for twelve months. Such termination of membership shall not relieve him or her of his or her liability for the payment of such subscriptions; provided that Council shall have power to reinstate such Member, or a Member who may have resigned under clause (c), on such terms as to payment of arrears and otherwise as Council thinks fit.
 - (v) If, at a meeting of Council of which the Member shall have twenty-one days' notice from time of posting and at which the Member shall be entitled to attend and be heard, Council by a two-thirds majority resolve that it is not in the interests of the Institute that such Member remain a Member. Such exclusion shall not relieve the ex-Member from any existing liability to the Institute.
- (b) The exclusion of a Member under the relevant section of the Articles of Association shall be considered Special Council business.
- (c) The representatives of a deceased Member shall have no claim on or interest in the Institute, unless Members in their own right.