

## **CHARTERED ENVIRONMENTALIST – CEnv**

### **Introduction**

The Society for the Environment (SocEnv) is an organisation comprised of professional bodies and learned societies, known collectively as Constituent Bodies. It aims to lead on the development and regulation of environmental practitioners and to be a respected voice in environmental affairs and sustainable development.

SocEnv will provide an inclusive platform in which environmentalists are able to debate the issues that will help society move towards sustainability. It will encourage and support its Constituent Bodies in the development and maintenance of the virtuosity of all their members, particularly those who are registered as CEnv.

The creation of the Chartered Environmentalist qualification is a sign of a maturing environmental profession and the importance that government, regulators and industry places on the need for a high level qualification that recognises excellence in environmental practice. And, it will create greater public and employer confidence in the work that environmental professionals do. This is a great step forward for the profession and a great opportunity for you the environmental professional.

At a meeting of the Privy Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004 the Society's Petition for a Royal Charter was approved. The signing and sealing of the Charter will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004 after which the Institution will be able to award the title Chartered Environmentalist, (CEnv), to suitably qualified members.

### **How can I apply?**

CIWEM is one of a number of constituent bodies who the Society for the Environment will be licensing to award CEnv and registrations are expected to begin in July 2004.

Applications for CEnv can be made at the same time as applying for Fellow or Member of CIWEM and 'Chartered Water and Environmental Manager'. (For membership requirements, see Guidance Notes Step 1 or the Membership page of the CIWEM Website [www.ciwem.org](http://www.ciwem.org).) In addition suitable applicants can also apply for Chartered Engineer and Chartered Scientist status.

### **What do I Require for Chartered Environmentalist?**

To be eligible for CEnv you will have attained 12 units of learning where 1 year of academic study = 2 units, and 1 year of vocational experience = 1 unit. This total of 12 must include at least 4 years of relevant vocational experience and not more than 8 units can be credited from academic study.

In addition to the 12 units of learning an applicant will be expected to demonstrate the attainment of all of the CIWEM Mandatory Competences.

When invited to interview applicants will have to demonstrate knowledge of, competence in and engagement with sustainable environmental management and development. They will also have to agree to comply with the Society's Code of Ethics and a programme of Continuing Professional Development.

Every Chartered Environmentalist will be expected to:

- Incorporate the best principles of the environmental sciences for the mitigation of environmental harm and the enhancement of environmental quality;
- Strive to ensure that the uses of natural resources are fair and sustainable taking account of the needs of a diverse society;
- Use their skills and experience to serve the needs of the environment and society;
- Serve as an example to others for responsible environmental behaviour;
- Not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation or discrimination, and
- Commit to maintaining their personal professional competence and strive to maintain the integrity and competence of their profession.

### **What do I need to do next?**

Complete the appropriate application and CIWEM Mandatory Competences form, available on the membership page of the CIWEM website. Submit your application form, supporting documentation and application fee to CIWEM for assessment, stating clearly that you wish to be considered for Chartered Environmentalist status in addition to your membership of the Institution.

After assessment you will be invited to attend a Professional Interview based on the Mandatory Competences, a career and project report, (see Step 2 Guidance Notes on the CIWEM membership page of the website).

Once you have been successfully accepted into membership and registration as a Chartered Environmentalist you will be asked to pay the one off registration fee of £60 in addition to your pro-rata subscription to CIWEM.

In subsequent years the registration fee of £30.00 will be payable annually together with the Regulation Management Fee, currently £34.00. These fees will be shown separately on your subscription invoice.

If you would like to discuss your eligibility for registration as a Chartered Environmentalist or seek clarification on the application route for membership please contact the Membership Department on 020 7831 3110 or email [membership@ciwem.org](mailto:membership@ciwem.org).