

Royal Society of Biology Membership – Alternative Routes

Other routes to becoming an associate (AMRSB)

- Any applicant who has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA Framework for Higher Education Qualification (FHEQ) level 6.
- Any applicant who has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA FHEQ level 5 and has obtained at least 1 year of professional experience working full time in a biology related position.
- Any applicant who has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA FHEQ level 3 or 4 and has obtained at least 2 years' professional experience working in a full time biology related position.
- Any applicant who has obtained a minimum of 3 years' experience working in a full- time biology related position.
- Any applicant who has completed 2 years' CPD awarding at least 50 credits per year through our CPD scheme.
- Any applicant who has completed a bioscience NVQ or SVQ at level 4 incorporating the application of biological science.
- Any applicant who has completed a Bachelor of Education with Science as the principal subject.

Other routes to becoming a member (MRSB)

- Any applicant that has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA FHEQ level 7 and obtained at least 2 years' professional experience working full-time in a biology related position.
- Any applicant that has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA HFEQ level 6 and obtained at least 3 years' professional experience working in a full-time biology related position.
- Any applicant that has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA HFEQ level 5 and obtained at least 4 years' professional experience working in a full-time biology related position.
- Any applicant that has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA HFEQ level 3 or 4 and obtained at least 5 years' professional experience working in a full-time biology related position.
- Any applicant that has obtained a minimum of 5 years' experience working in a full- time biology related position and has completed 2 years' CPD awarding at least 50 credits per year through our CPD scheme (one year of CPD can be claimed retrospectively).
- Any applicant who has completed 2 years' CPD since becoming an associate member, awarding at least 50 credits per year through our CPD scheme.
- Any applicant who has obtained a minimum of 10 years' experience working in a full- time biology related position.

Typical higher education qualifications within each level FHEQ level:

Level 8

Doctoral degrees (e.g. PhD/DPhil (including new-route PhD), EdD, DBA, DClinPsy)

Level 7

Master's degrees (e.g. MPhil, MLitt, MRes, MA, MSc)
Integrated master's degrees (e.g., MEng, MChem, MPhys, MPharm)
Postgraduate diplomas
Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
Postgraduate certificates

Level 6

Bachelor's degrees with honours (e.g. BA/BSc Hons)
Bachelor's degrees
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
Graduate diplomas
Graduate certificates

Level 5

Foundation Degrees (e.g., FdA, FdSc)
Diplomas of Higher Education (DipHE)
Higher National Diplomas (HND)

Level 4

Certificate of higher education (CertHE)
Higher apprenticeship
Higher national certificate (HNC)
Level 4 award
Level 4 certificate
Level 4 diploma
Level 4 NVQ

Level 3

A level
Access to higher education diploma
Advanced apprenticeship
Applied general
AS level
International Baccalaureate diploma
Level 3 award
Level 3 certificate
Level 3 diploma
Level 3 ESOL
Level 3 NVQ

A full list of qualification levels are on the [UK Government website](#).