

Recognition of EEA and Swiss qualifications

The mutual recognition of professional qualifications from the EEA and Switzerland are governed under The Regulations of Professional Qualifications Amendment (EU Exit) Regulations (2019). The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that a system of recognition of professional qualifications continues and that individuals arriving in the UK with EEA or Swiss qualifications will have a means to seek recognition.¹

This guide will help you find out if you have a right to recognition, what you need to do, and how the application process works.

Eligibility Criteria

- You must have the necessary academic base (obtained from a European Economic Area (EEA) country or from Switzerland) for the level of registration you are seeking, normally demonstrated through formal academic qualifications. You can find out if your course is recognised using the FEANI European Engineering Education Database (EEED) [here](#).
- You must demonstrate that you meet the required competency and commitment standards for the level being sought, as outlined in the [UK-SPEC, 4th edition](#). This will be assessed through the submission of a Portfolio of Evidence and attendance at a Professional Review interview.
- You must be able to communicate effectively in English to use this route. All application documents and assessments must be completed in English, and the ability to communicate well with others at all levels in English is a key competence required for Engineering Council registration.

Application Process

Candidates are required to submit an initial assessment as the first stage of the application process for CEng, IEng or EngTech registration through CIHT.

The Initial Assessment form is completed [online](#) where you will be asked to submit your:

- CV
- Details related to the qualifications you hold (level, subject, name of institution, start/end dates)
- Copies of academic certificates (originals and English translations)
- Where possible, please also send us evidence of your course being listed on the EEED database.

You do not need to be a CIHT member to complete an initial assessment, which is free of charge. However, applicants for professional registration must be CIHT members at Member grade before making their application.

You will receive an initial assessment outcome e-mail within 5 working days confirming whether your qualifications are recognised to proceed via the Standard Route.

Applicants whose qualifications are not recognised can demonstrate their knowledge through other options which are explained in the initial assessment outcome email. Progression via this option is known as the **Individual Route**.

¹The results of candidates who were successful under the EU route prior to 31 December 2021 remain valid.