



**Become a Registered Chartered
Environmentalist (CEnv)**
with The Institution of Agricultural Engineers





Registration sets Chartered Environmentalists apart from others working in their field.

Chartership as an environmental professional reflects the broad impact of your practice, recognising high levels of skill and experience, independent of discipline.

What is a Chartered Environmentalist?

As a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) registered through IAgRE you will be working in the landbased sector using cutting edge science, technological and sustainable solutions to solve current and future environmental challenges at both a global and local level.

You will be leading teams and departments, advising governments and working as a hands on practitioner, using your specialist knowledge and broader environmental understanding to apply sustainable thinking throughout your daily working life. Chartered Environmentalists work in the UK and all over the world.

In Agricultural Engineering, Chartered Environmentalists are likely to be employed in: soil science, land reclamation, waste management, agronomy, irrigation, drainage, flood defence, production agriculture, forestry, and environmental management working as consultants, practitioners and in education.

The benefits of becoming a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv)

- **Stand out from the crowd** – Chartered Environmentalist registration demonstrates that you have been judged by your peers, as having a high level of skill and experience, and work at the highest possible standards for the environmental profession
- **Showcase competence to employers** – An employer can have confidence in the environmental competence and professionalism of their Chartered Environmentalist employee knowing that they have committed to a professional code of conduct and the maintenance of their competence through a commitment to continued professional development (CPD)
- **Make a difference** – Having Chartered Environmentalists leading and making decisions helps to enhance public trust in environmental services and those responsible for environmental related decisions
- **Join the network** – Chartered Environmentalists have the opportunity to join the environmental professional directory on the Society for the Environment website available to those looking for experts in their sector, as well as to find relevant contacts to build your network. You can also sign up to the European Network of Environmental Professionals (ENEP) directory. This is an opportunity to showcase your knowledge to European counterparts, as well as search for new contacts

In addition for all professionals

- **Improved career prospects** – The CEnv award demonstrates to employers that the holder has experience, drive and commitment and has fulfilled the competence requirements of an internationally recognised standard
- **Higher earnings potential** – Surveys have repeatedly shown that professional registration leads to higher earnings – and the pay gap is rapidly widening
- **Access to life-long learning** – As a member of a professional engineering institution you will be kept fully up-to-date on the latest technological developments and are provided with many opportunities to add to your skills and expertise

Do you have the knowledge and experience required to be a CEnv?

Chartered Environmentalist registration is open to you if you can demonstrate the required professional competences and commitment. Individuals generally develop these through a combination of education and work experience.

The application process for becoming a Chartered Environmentalist usually requires a post graduate degree in a relevant subject plus 4 years' appropriate experience. Alternatively, a longer proven track record in positions of responsibility may be considered.

To become a Chartered Environmentalist, you must be a member of a professional engineering institution such as the Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgRE).

IAgRE will weigh up your skills and experience using the Society for the Environment Practice Direction for Chartered Environmentalist. We will advise and mentor through the whole process.



Key Competences required of CEnv

The four key competences relate to:

- Application of knowledge and understanding of the environment to further the aims of sustainability
- Leading sustainable management of the Environment
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
- Personal commitment to professional standards, recognising obligations to society, the profession and the environment

Some of the many benefits of becoming a CEnv

As an IAgRE Member and registered Chartered Environmentalist, you will be able to:

Develop your career

- Use designatory letters – MIAgRE or FIAgRE together with CEnv to show your level of professionalism and expertise
- Access professional contacts and networks including listing on our IAgRE consultancy service
- Apply for IAgRE Awards and recognition
- Access the IAgRE Mentoring Service
- Participate in a range of Continuous professional development (CPD) events and courses
- Receive a Certificate of Membership to display your registration
- Access the IAgRE members Login on our website www.iagre.org to view privileged information for members only



Access unrivalled knowledge resources

- Branch meetings, specialist interest groups, technical groups and knowledge hubs
- Annual conference
- Access to Biosystems Engineering journal
- Free and discounted publications and journals
- Volunteering opportunities
- Access to IAgRE Library and archive resources
- Use of the IAgRE offices as a meeting place

Supporting you

- Access online CPD planning and recording
- Follow the IAgRE Social Networks Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn
- Get a free email address
- Access career opportunities and advice
- Halfords Trade Card and special offers
- Access indemnity and risk management insurance
- Access to a selection of highly competitive medical care, breakdown recovery and other related plans from HMCA



Your questions answered

Is CEnv recognised by employers?

Leading employers working in environmental management, flood defence, irrigation and drainage as well as production agriculture and forestry are always keen to employ registered professionals and many of these have development programmes to support graduates as they gain experience. Many will also have mentoring schemes where experienced environmentalists support you with your application. Many employers will pay IAgrE and professional registration fees for their staff. Some employers and agencies require it for staff who hold certain senior positions.

How long does it take to become registered?

If you include your time in post compulsory education plus a suitable period of relevant and responsible practical experience it will take you eight to nine years. Do remember that:

You must be a Member or Fellow of IAgrE and have a relevant masters' level degree as a foundation for further learning and practical experience, or demonstrate equivalent masters' level knowledge and engagement in energy and sustainability issues through other academic achievements, self-directed learning and work based experience.

You will have at least 4 years of relevant and responsible practical experience that combines underpinning environmental knowledge with an ability to apply it in practice towards environmental stewardship – this need not be continuous provided that relevant CPD is maintained.

In addition you need to comply with the IAgrE Ethics and CPD requirements.

What can I do now towards becoming professionally registered?

We urge you to join IAgrE when you are a student. This will give you immediate access to the online CPD recording platform where you can log your development against the relevant professional registration criteria. As soon as you start work, ask IAgrE to allocate you a mentor and that way we can make sure you undertake a period of supervised initial professional development before you make your full application. Your mentor will advise you when you are in a position to apply for registration.

How do I apply?

You need to complete an IAgrE Application form and support this with a detailed CV and copies of your certificates and CPD record. IAgrE has a range of guidance notes and forms which can be downloaded from iagre.org. If in doubt please ask for help. It is very important that your CV maps your experience against the various professional registration criteria and demonstrates fully that you have gained the relevant knowledge and experience.

Will I need to involve my employer?

It is always a good idea, and very helpful if you have an employer who is supportive and can make some time to support you through your application however this is not essential providing that you have a mentor who can help you through the registration process and colleagues who can vouch for your work and expertise.

How much does it cost?

Please refer to iagre.org/fees for current fees and registration charges

What do I need to do next?

Simply visit iagre.org or contact Alison Chapman in the IAgrE membership department for more details.

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