

Professional Review Interviews (PRI) – Candidate Guidance

The **Professional Review Interview (PRI)** is the process by which the final assessment for registration with the Engineering Council for CEng and IEng; and Society for the Environment for CEnv is made.

Before a candidate participates in the PRI, a first stage assessment is made which looks at the following in relation to the level of registration being sought:

- Is the candidate a member of IAgRE?
- Does the candidate have the necessary background knowledge and qualifications?
- Has the candidate amassed a suitable range of skills application and experience?
- Has the candidate undertaken sufficient initial and on-going professional development?

The candidate must pass the first stage assessment before they can progress to the PRI.

Competence and Commitment

These are the key words in preparation for the Professional Review Interview. In general terms, Roles and Responsibilities are classified as follows:

- Knowledge and Understanding
- Application to Practice
- Leadership, Management and Supervision
- Interpersonal Skills
- Personal Conduct

Details of these competences and commitments can be found in the relevant registration specifications from Engineering Council or Society for the Environment.

Preparing for your PRI

The assessments made at the PRI are based on evidence submitted by candidates in support of their case. Assessors will be looking to assess against a range of **key words** which cover the range of registration standards.

In organising their evidence for the PRI, candidates should refer to the relevant registration standards which can be downloaded from the Engineering Council and the Society for the Environment.

Candidates are advised to choose a small number of projects or work activities in which they have been engaged. Ideally, these will be activities which:

- Provide some 'hard evidence' for the reviewers, for example in the form of design studies, data sets, calculations, drawings, defect investigations, project plans, photographs, etc.
- Are the candidate's own work; or larger pieces of work in which the candidate's personal contribution is identified and substantiated.
- Are able to provide evidence of your competence from across the criteria stated in the standards.

Candidates may wish to prepare a presentation to illustrate their work. Others prepare a folder which showcased visual examples of their work.

Although a physical face to face PRI is preferred, some candidates located a significant distance away may opt for a PRI via a video conferencing call.

Identity will need to be proved before the PRI commences.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will I always be asked to attend for a Professional Review Interview?

For IEng, CEng and CEnv you will always be asked to attend for a Professional Review Interview. For EngTech and REnvP you will not be asked to attend unless the assessors judge that this would be helpful to you and them.

The IAgRE Membership Committee reviews the assessor's recommendations made following first stage assessment of the evidence provided by the candidate. At that stage assessors will agree whether you are ready for a Professional Review Interview.

You will not be asked to attend an interview if the Membership Committee judges that you have not completed approved professional development and if extensive revision to the original application is required.

At IAgRE we want you to succeed so would never invite you for a PRI if you are not ready.

How much documentation do I need to bring to the Professional Review Interview?

It is not necessary to produce extensive documentation detailing your work and matching this against the standards although a sample of evidence is helpful in demonstrating Competence and Commitment to the assessors.

Can I give a presentation at the Professional Review Interview?

This is not necessary although some candidates have offered and the interview panel have agreed. Presentations are helpful but should be limited to the **KEY FACTS** and should take no more than 10 minutes.

How long does the Professional Review Interview take?

Typically it takes around 1 to 1.5 hours.

Where does the Professional Review Interview take place?

Normally you will be invited to attend the IAgRE offices on a day when the Membership Committee meets. Under special circumstances, we will agree an alternative venue for the Professional Review Interview.

What if I live in a different part of the world and cannot attend in person?

It is possible to hold your PRI via video conferencing call. Under these circumstances it is always useful to test the connection in advance to ensure that we can hold a satisfactory face to face PRI.

Under these circumstances, IAgRE need to check that the person presenting themselves for PRI is the right person and not an alias. You will need to send identity in advance and present the same identity at the start of the PRI. This evidence of identity will be checked before the PRI can commence.

Can I ask for help in my preparation for PRI?

Yes. Please ask and we will allocate you a mentor who can guide you in your preparation.

Good luck with your PRI