



INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY CEYLON

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Successor to the Chemical Society of Ceylon, Founded 1941.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP *(EFFECTIVE FROM 01/07/2025)*

*Issued on the Authority of the Council of the Institute of
Chemistry Ceylon*

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MEMBERSHIP

(REVISED AS AT 01/07/2025)

Applications for admission/transfer to all grades of membership should be made on the prescribed form and forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, Admission & Ethical Practices Committee, Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, 341/22, Kotte Road, Welikada, Rajagiriya. Each application should be accompanied by:

- I. The stipulated processing fee
- II. Copy of the birth certificate certified either by a "Fellow" or a Council Member of the Institute
- III. Originals of supporting certificates/ documents (*Academic/ Professional*) giving details of subjects offered, class obtained etc. or a copy certified by a "Fellow" or a Council Member of the Institute
- IV. Completed checklist

1. CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Corporate Membership consists of two grades FELLOW AND MEMBER and constitutes full membership of the Institute. The following abbreviation may also be used.

FELLOWS.....F.I.Chem.C.

MEMBERS... ..M.I.Chem.C.

Please note that after 01.07.2001, Corporate Members are NOT automatically entitled to Chartered Chemist designation. For the Award of this designation, please see pages 9-11.

Fellowship and Membership of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon have been recognized by the Government of Sri Lanka as equivalent (*for the purpose of recruitment and promotion of Chemists*) to Fellowship (FRSC) and Membership (MRSC) respectively of the Royal Society of Chemistry, U.K

The following criteria will apply for admission/transfer to the grades of Fellow/ Member:

2.1. FELLOW (F.I.Chem.C.)

Every candidate seeking admission as a Fellow shall,

F1 Be more than 35 years of age

AND

F2 Be a Member for at least five years

AND

F3 **In the opinion of the Council be mature, senior person in his profession who has acquired and practiced key skills through professional activity for a period of at least five years**

AND

F4 **In the opinion of the Council who has made an outstanding contribution in one or more of the following ways:**

- (i) To the promotion, advancement or application of the chemical sciences
- (ii) To the profession of Chemistry
- (iii) To the management or direction of organizations in which the chemical sciences are important

2.1. MEMBER (M.I.Chem.C.)

Every candidate seeking admission to the grade of Member shall,

M1 Be more than 25 years of age

AND

M2 (a) Have passed a four-year Degree (BSc Honours Degree in Chemical Sciences) / Degree Level Programme (Graduateship Programme in Chemistry) offered by the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon.

OR

(b) Have obtained a Special/ Honours Degree with Chemistry as the principal subject from a recognized university/UGC-approved higher education institute

OR

(c) Have obtained a BSc Degree from a recognized university/ UGC approved higher education institute with an adequate coverage of Chemistry (minimum of 24 credits/ equivalent), acceptable to the Council and at least a MSc/ MPhil Degree of two years duration in a branch of Chemistry from a recognized university/ UGC approved higher education institute or a MSc Degree of one year duration with sufficient experience and/or attainments in the Chemical Sciences acceptable to the Council for a period of at least one year after obtaining such qualification.

OR

(d) Have obtained a BSc Degree from a recognized university/UGC-approved higher education institute with an adequate coverage of Chemistry (minimum of 24

credits/ equivalent) and has had sufficient experience and/or attainments in the field of Chemical Sciences acceptable to the Council for a period of at least six years after obtaining such qualification

OR

(e) Have been a Licentiate Member for at least six years with sufficient experience and/or attainments in the field of Chemical Sciences acceptable to the Council

AND

M 3 have had sufficient training and /or experience in the practice of Chemical Science at a graduate level for a period of at least three years in a recognized Institution after obtaining such qualifications and experience as in **M 2**.

2. NON-CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Application for admission/transfer to four grades of Non-Corporate Membership – ASSOCIATE, LICENTIATE, TECHNICIAN and STUDENT, will be entertained by the Council. Non-corporate members shall be entitled to all the rights & privileges of Corporate Members except the right to vote at meetings but shall be entitled to serve on special committees (excluding STUDENT members). Associate Members shall nevertheless have the right to attend meetings as observers. Associateship of the Institute has been recognized by the Government of Sri Lanka as equivalent (*for the purpose of recruitment as Chemists*), to Associate membership of the Royal Society of Chemistry, U.K. Associates, Licentiates and Technicians may use the following designations after their names.

ASSOCIATEA.I.Chem.C.

LICENTIATE..... L.I.Chem.C.

TECHNICIAN..... Tech.I.Chem.C

The following criteria will apply for admission/ transfer to the non-corporate grades of membership,

2.1. ASSOCIATE (A.I.Chem.C.)

Every Candidate seeking admission to the grade of Associate shall,

A1 Be more than 21 years of age

AND

A 2 (a) Have passed a four-year Degree (BSc Honours Degree in Chemical Sciences) / Degree Level Programme (Graduateship Programme in Chemistry) offered by the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon.

OR

(b) Have obtained a Special/ Honours Degree with Chemistry as the principal subject from a recognized university/UGC-approved higher education institute

OR

(c) Have obtained a BSc Degree from a recognized university/UGC-approved higher education institute with an adequate coverage of Chemistry (minimum of 24 credits/ equivalent), acceptable to the Council and at least a MSc/ MPhil Degree of two years duration in a branch of Chemistry from a recognized university/ UGC approved higher education institute or a MSc Degree of one year duration with sufficient experience and/or attainments in the Chemical Sciences acceptable to the Council for a period of at least one year after obtaining such qualification.

OR

(d) Have obtained a BSc Degree from a recognized university/UGC-approved higher education institute with an adequate coverage of Chemistry (minimum of 24 credits/ equivalent) and has had sufficient experience and/or attainments in the field of Chemical Sciences acceptable to the Council for a period of at least six years after obtaining such qualification

OR

(e) Have been a Licentiate for at least six years with sufficient experience and/or attainments in the field of Chemical Sciences acceptable to the Council

2.2. LICENCIATE (L.I.Chem.C.)

Every candidate seeking admission to the grade of Licentiate shall,

L1 Be more than 25 years of age

L2 (a) Have obtained a BSc Degree from a recognized university/UGC-approved higher education institute with an adequate coverage of Chemistry (minimum of 24 credits/ equivalent), with sufficient experience and/or attainments in the field of Chemical Sciences acceptable to the Council for at least one year after obtaining such qualification

OR

(b) i) Has obtained an honours or merit pass at the Diploma in Laboratory Technology Examination conducted by the Institute,

AND

ii) Has at least six years of approved experience in the

practice or application of Chemistry while being in full-time employment in an approved Institution after obtaining the qualification **L 2 B** above.

AND

OR

(c) i) Have passed the Diploma in Laboratory Technology Examination conducted by the Institute,

AND

ii) Has been a Technician Member of the Institute for a period of at least nine years, of which at least five years approved experience in the practice or application of Chemistry while being in full time employment in an approved Institution.

OR

(d) have successfully completed 90 credits within the Graduateship Programme in Chemistry/ BSc Honours Degree in Chemical Sciences conducted by the Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon or Special/ Honours Degree with Chemistry as the principal subject from a recognized university/ UGC approved higher education institute (in accordance with the SLQF 5 standards)

2.3. TECHNICIAN (Tech.I.Chem.C)

Every candidate seeking admission to the grade of Technician shall,

T1 (a) Have passed the Diploma in Laboratory Technology (DLT) examination (or Laboratory Technician Certificate Course, LTCC) of the Institute

OR

(b) Have obtained any other equivalent qualification aligned

with SLQF 4 acceptable to the Council of the Institute of Chemistry with sufficient experience of at least three years in the practice of chemical sciences acceptable to the Council

OR

(c) Have successfully completed 60 credits within the Graduateship Programme in Chemistry/BSc Honours Degree in Chemical Sciences conducted by the Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon or Special/Honours Degree with Chemistry as the principal subject from a recognized university/ UGC approved higher education institute (in accordance with the SLQF 5 standards) with at least one-year laboratory experience in the field of chemical sciences acceptable to the Council.

2.4. STUDENT

Every candidate seeking admission to the grade of Student shall be studying a diploma/degree in chemistry from a recognized university/UGC-approved higher education institute.

*Student membership will be terminated automatically once the student completes the diploma/ degree programme

3. OTHER MEMBERSHIP

3.1. SESSION MEMBER

Any candidate who is not a Corporate/ Non-Corporate Member can seek admission as a Session member for the purpose of oral/poster presentations at the Annual Sessions of the IChemC with the approval of the supervisor/principal investigator of the work to be presented. Supervisor/ principal investigator shall be a Corporate Member at least of Member category of the institute

3.2. INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

Any company, association, body institution desirous of supporting the work of the Institute can become an Institutional Member subject to approval by the Council.

Institutional Member shall subscribe to the Institute on admission and annually thereafter, such sums as the Council may determine from time to time. The Council may at any time at its discretion declare that any firm, company or other association or body or institution, which had been admitted as an Institutional Member shall no longer be an Institutional Member and thereupon, such firm company or other association, or body, or institution shall forthwith cease to be an Institutional Member.

3.3. AFFILIATE

Every application to the grade of Affiliate shall demonstrate a genuine interest in the Chemical Sciences though not yet qualified for any other category of membership

3.4. CHARTERED CHEMIST (C.Chem.)

Every candidate for the award of the status of Chartered Chemist (C.Chem.) shall

C1 (a) Have passed a four-year Degree (BSc Honours Degree in Chemical Sciences) / Degree Level Programme (Graduateship Programme in Chemistry) offered by the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon.

OR

(b) Have obtained a Special/ Honours Degree with Chemistry as the principal subject from a recognized university/ higher education institute.

OR

(c) Have obtained a BSc Degree from a recognized university/UGC-approved higher education institute with an adequate coverage of Chemistry (minimum of 24 credits/ equivalent), acceptable to the Council and at least an MSc/ MPhil Degree of two years duration in a branch of Chemistry from a recognized university/ UGC approved higher education institute or an MSc Degree of one-year duration with sufficient experience and/or attainments in the Chemical Sciences acceptable to the Council for a period of at least one year after obtaining such qualification.

OR

(d) Have obtained a BSc Degree from a recognized university/UGC-approved higher education institute with an adequate coverage of Chemistry (minimum of 24 credits/ equivalent) and has had sufficient experience and/or attainments in the field of Chemical Sciences for a period of at least six years acceptable to the Council after obtaining such qualification

AND

C2 Be able to demonstrate a high level of competence and professionalism in the practice of Chemistry and show his commitment to maintain his expertise for a period of at least five years subsequent to obtaining the qualifications and experience referred to in **C 1** above.

AND

C3 Such a person should provide evidence of possessing one or more of the following at a level acceptable to the Council.

- a) Has specialist chemical skills relevant to their practice
- b) Has in–depth knowledge of areas related to the field of chemical sciences.
- c) Has responsibilities based upon chemistry and has made a significant personal contribution.
- d) Demonstrates professionalism in the workplace.
- e) Has maintained chemical expertise through continuing professional development.

AND

C 4 Be a Member of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon for at least 05 years

**AWARD OF CHARTERED CHEMIST
DESIGNATION**

A Member or Fellow of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon seeking the award of the designation of **Chartered Chemist** shall need to demonstrate a high level of competence and professionalism in the practice of chemistry and show their commitment to maintain their expertise. They will need to have at least five years of professional experience subsequent to a good enhanced first degree or can demonstrate an equivalent level of attainment.

Note ;

Recognized University: A University recognized by the Council of I.Chem.C.

4. ADMISSION/ TERMINATION/ SUSPENSION EXPULSION / RE-ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

The attention of all applicants is kindly drawn to the following by-laws of the Institute: -

4.1. Admission of Members

All applicants recommended by the Admission & Ethical Practices Committee shall become members of the Institute on being elected by the Council provided that at least half the full membership of the Council was present and at least two-thirds of those present had voted in favour.

4.2. Termination, Suspension, Expulsion and Re-Admission of Members

4.1.1 Any member who is in arrears of membership subscriptions for a period of three years from the date on which payment is due shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Institute but shall have the right of re-admission to the same grade of membership by the payment of the current year's subscription together with all arrears at the time of cessation of membership.

4.1.2 The Council shall have the power to expel from membership, suspend membership for a period, reprimand or admonish a member who has been found guilty of misconduct or of unethical practice after a due inquiry held by the Admission & Ethical Practices Committee and provided that at least two-thirds of the full membership of the Council has voted in favour of such disciplinary action.

4.1.3 Any member whose membership is terminated or suspended or who is expelled from membership in accordance with by-laws 4.2.1 or 4.2.2 shall return forthwith to the Council any certificate of membership issued to him and shall not be entitled to the use of any qualifications and designatory letters of the Institute, unless the Council shall otherwise decide.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION REGULATIONS
(as at 01.07.2025)

1. (A) Annual Membership Subscription

Fellow	Rs. 2500/-
Member	Rs. 2000/-
Associate	Rs. 1750/-
Licentiate	Rs. 1500/-
Technician	Rs. 1000/-
Student	Rs. 500/=
Institutional Member	Rs. 5000/-
Affiliate Member	Rs. 1500/-

The above-mentioned fees are payable on the 1st of July every year, and will be in respect of the year commencing on that day and ending on the 30th of June in the following year.

(B) Block Membership Fee (to *obtain membership for life*)

A payment of a sum of Rs.15,000/= by any member (Corporate or Non-Corporate members excluding Student members) or Rs. 50,000/= by any Institutional member would secure membership for life, provided the member concerned is not in any arrears of any subscription including the current year membership subscription. No extra subscription other than the processing fee will be payable on the election of such a member to a higher grade.

The Institute makes a special appeal to all corporate members of the

Institute to avail themselves of these concessionary rates of membership as it will reduce considerably the paperwork the secretariat now handles in respect of book entries, receipts, reminders termination notices etc. Since we have only limited permanent staff it will assist us greatly if you will make this block membership payment forthwith and obtain membership for life.

2. Processing Fees

- a) processing fee of Rs. 2000/= is payable with every application for admission/ transfer to any grade of membership to cover the cost of processing the application. This fee is not applicable to application for admission to student and session membership
 - b) processing fee of Rs. 5000/- is payable with every application for the status of Chartered Chemist to cover the cost of processing the application
3. ALL APPLICANTS (*for admission/transfer*) should kindly attach to their membership/ chartered chemist status application form
- i. The receipt of payment of processing fee
4. Once the application for admission/ transfer to any grade of membership or chartered chemist status has been successful, the stipulated annual membership subscription and/ or block membership fee should be paid for the membership or chartered chemist status to be awarded and to receive the relevant certificate.
5. Only life members can apply for the Chartered Chemist designation (C.Chem.).
6. A subscription fee of Rs 1500/= is payable with every application for admission as a Session member

7. Payments

All payments by cheque should be crossed a/c payee and drawn in favour of the “*Institute of Chemistry Ceylon*”. Official receipts will be issued in respect of all payments.

OR

Payments can be made to any branch of the Bank of Ceylon,

Account No. 3271080 (Account Name: Institute of Chemistry Ceylon)

PLEASE NOTE

REFEREES:

Two references are required from every applicant to the grade of Member.

- *Reference I: shall be from the Head of the Division/ Department / Institution / Organization or any other senior official.*
- *Reference II : shall be from a Corporate Member (Member/ Fellow) of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon.*

The following concession is applicable to personnel living abroad who wish to apply for the membership of the Institute of Chemistry.

- *Reference I: shall be from the Head of the Division/ Department / Institution / Organization or any other senior official from the place of work of the applicant.*
- *Reference II: Any other Sri Lankan of a suitable status acceptable to the A & EP Committee.*

Two references are required from every applicant to the grade of Fellow.

- *Reference I: shall be from the Head of the Division/ Department / Institution / Organization.*
- *Reference II: shall be from a Corporate Member (Fellow) of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon.*

Two references are required from every applicant for the designation of Chartered Chemist.

- *Reference I: shall be from the Head of the Division/ Department / Institution / Organization.*
- *Reference II: shall be from a Chartered Chemist of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon.*

All applicants for Admission/Transfer to the corporate grades of Fellowship/ Membership should request their referees to submit the referee reports direct to the Secretary, Admission & Ethical Practices Committee, Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, No. 341/22, Kotte Road, Welikada, Rajagiriya/ aradmin@ichemc.edu.lk Applications could be processed only after these forms are received.

The Institute requires from the referees information about the *applicant's* experience/training **subsequent** to the basic academic/professional qualifications. It is therefore in the own interest of the candidate to nominate referees who are able to comment on the work/ experience/ attainment in recent years. A person immediately superior to the applicant at the workplace should always be named as one of the referees.

SPECIAL NOTE

The decision of the Council on any matter in connection with the implementation and/ or interpretation of these regulations & by-laws will be final & binding on all members & applicants for membership.

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