

OBJECTIVES

The major objectives for which the Association has been established include:

- To promote Cost Engineering as a recognised discipline of engineering technology
- To provide means of developing, exchanging and disseminating standards, methods and data relating to Cost Engineering
- To provide recognised standards of attainment in the practise of Cost Engineering
- To set up and maintain proper standards of professional conduct and ethics of its members in the practice of Cost Engineering
- To hold, promote or support meetings and distribute literature and information in pursuit of its objectives
- To co-operate with other bodies in the UK and elsewhere having objects cognate with those of the Association and to liaise with other similar bodies for the purpose of the reciprocal exchange of information
- To encourage social activities among members.

WHO WE REPRESENT

The Association of Cost Engineers represents all groups of Project Controls Professionals and not just, as our title suggests, Cost Engineers. It is the Association's belief that Cost Engineering is the common and intimately related thread through all Project Control Disciplines.

Examples of the wide diversity of Project Control Disciplines whom we currently represent are:

- Cost Engineers
- Project Control Managers
- Quantity Surveyors
- Planning Engineers
- Accountants
- Value Engineers
- Project and Product Managers
- Estimators
- Commercial Managers
- Risk Managers
- Quality Assurance Managers
- Contracts Engineers.

Similarly, although our main membership base is centred upon the United Kingdom, Ireland, Hong Kong and Russia, we had at the last count members in 44 different countries.

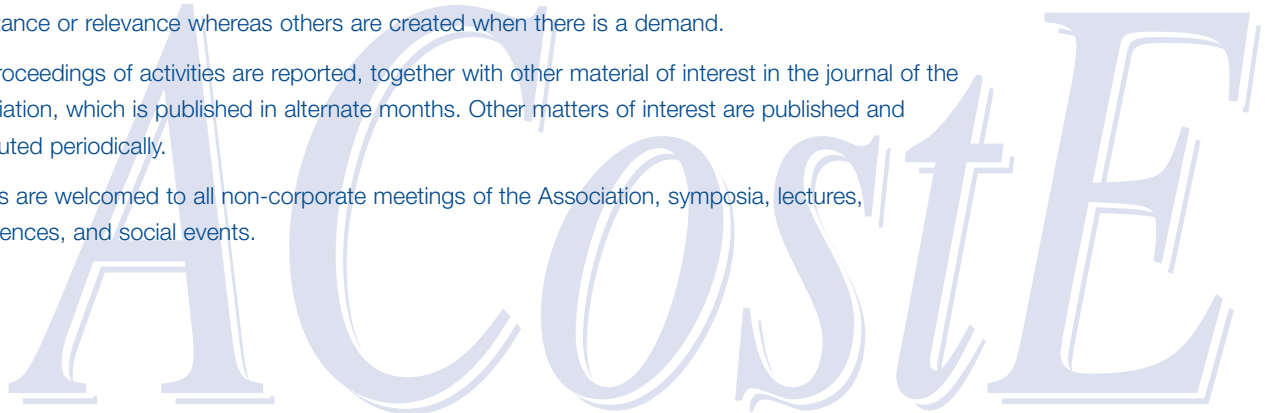
ACTIVITIES

The Council of the Association have established committees to fulfil specific functions of the Association. These include Regional Committees, Admissions, Engineering Registration, Education and Training, International Affairs, Cost Indices and Engineering Manufacturing. In addition there are a series of special advisors and consultants who can advise on subjects including Bibliography, Terminology and Computing

The situation regarding committees is fluid and some may be wound up as their topic decreases in importance or relevance whereas others are created when there is a demand.

The proceedings of activities are reported, together with other material of interest in the journal of the Association, which is published in alternate months. Other matters of interest are published and distributed periodically.

Visitors are welcomed to all non-corporate meetings of the Association, symposia, lectures, conferences, and social events.

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INFORMATION AND OTHER SERVICES

The Association endeavours to assist members with information through the extensive Library at Sandbach and Bibliography Committee, together with the reports from any of the committees with information of a technical nature.

Conference facilities at the Sandbach headquarters are available for members' use. Further details are available from the Administration Secretary.

AWARDS

The Association, as an incentive to fulfil part of its objectives, awards four prizes annually as a reward for original thought, and ideas in the fields of Cost Engineering. These are:

The Pates Prize which is awarded for outstanding and meritorious contribution to the Advancement of Cost Engineering.

The Tony Jarvis Prize is presented to the author of the best paper published in the Association's journal.

Graduate and Student Prize which is awarded to the best essay submitted to the Council each year by a Graduate or Student Member.

John Henry Herbert Award which is presented for services to the Association over a prolonged period for someone who has made a major contribution to the high standing of the Association.

EDUCATION

THE ENGINEERING COUNCIL [UK]

The Association is a Professional Affiliate of the Engineering Council [UK]. The Association has a bi-lateral agreement to register Chartered Engineers and Incorporated Engineers. Additional information is available upon request.

CERTIFIED COST ENGINEER

The Association runs a Certification Programme for those who have been a Member of the Association for not less than 4 years. Certification is aimed at cost engineers who occupy responsible positions within organisations and are responsible for the supervision and organisation of subordinates providing cost engineering services, on behalf of their organisation and/or client. Applicants would be expected to have a sufficient number of years experience in these positions.

NVQs

The Association offers an NVQ programme in Project Controls through The Assessment Service Centre in Level 3 and Level 4. The N/SVQ Level 3 qualification is aimed at practitioners who are establishing themselves within the profession, typically with about two years' experience. The N/SVQ Level 4 qualification is designed to recognise persons who are fully competent in all aspects of their project control discipline.

INTERNATIONAL COST ENGINEERING COUNCIL

The Association is a founder member of the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) which now consists of over 44 international cost engineering organisations.

The International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) is a non-political and non-profit making organisation which was founded in 1976 with the object of promoting co-operation between national and multinational cost engineering, quantity surveying and project management organisations worldwide for their mutual wellbeing and that of their individual members.

ICEC member societies are located in many countries, and have chapters or sections in many other countries. Through these societies, chapters and sections, ICEC has access to more than 100,000 cost engineers, quantity surveyors and project managers in over 120 different countries.

Regular ICEC meetings are attended by delegates of the member societies where subjects of common interests are exchanged and discussed. Each member society has one vote on the Council.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

Categories of Membership

The membership of the Association is divided into Corporate Members, which includes Honorary Fellows, Fellows and Members, and non-corporate members who are Affiliates, the grades of which are Associate, Graduate, Student and Companion.

Members may use the following abbreviations:

Category	Authorised Abbreviation
Honorary Fellow	Hon. F.A. Cost E.
Fellow	F.A. Cost E.
Member	M.A. Cost E.
Graduate	Grad. A. Cost E
Student	N/A
Associate	A.A. Cost E.
Companion	Companion A. Cost E

A person may not be eligible to become either a corporate member or an affiliate unless they satisfy the requirements of the Bye-Laws currently in force. A similar provision applies for transfer from one grade of membership to another.

If the Admissions Committee decide to refuse membership or transfer normally a reason for this will be given. An applicant can appeal to the Council of the Association for a review of the case and, again, normally any reason for refusal will be given. An applicant who is registered with the Engineering Council has the right of further appeal to the Engineering Council who will review the situation.

Requirements for Membership

The detailed requirements are given in full in the Bye-Laws of the Association, which are currently in force, but the following abbreviated version gives substantially the information that will enable an applicant to decide whether they will meet the requirements or not.

Honorary Fellow

This is not a grade for which someone applies, it is bestowed on a distinguished person whom the Association wishes to honour.

Fellow

A candidate shall not be less than 33 years of age and shall satisfy the Association that he has held a position of superior responsibility for cost engineering functions for at least six years duration and has been a Member for at least five years.

Alternatively, if the applicant has not been a member for five years, if sufficient evidence is provided to demonstrate that the applicant has made a significant contribution to the art and science of Cost Engineering, together with the requirement of having held a position of superior responsibility for at least six years.

Alternatively, by the submission of suitably deep documentary evidence that demonstrates equivalence of knowledge, ability, original thought and contribution to the art and science of cost engineering.

Member

A candidate shall be at least 26 years of age and shall have adequate Initial Professional Development, including training and practical experience in Cost Engineering.

Additionally, the candidate shall be either a Chartered or an Incorporated Engineer and shall have held a post of professional responsibility in cost engineering for at least three years.

Alternatively, the candidate shall possess an HNC, HND or degree in an engineering discipline or has achieved NVQ4 in Project Controls, and shall have held a post of professional responsibility in cost engineering for at least five years.

Alternatively, has had at least 15 years experience of Cost Engineering in lieu of formal academic qualification and shall have held a post of professional responsibility in cost engineering for at least five years.

Alternatively has attained a position of particular importance or a high standard of knowledge in cost engineering or a related field and has adequate qualification and experience in research, teaching or publication in the field of engineering economics or scientific engineering cost processing.

Graduate

A candidate shall be aged between 21 and 40 years of age, possess an HNC, HND or degree in an engineering discipline or has achieved NVQ3 in Project Controls, and is making progress towards achieving the remaining qualifications for the grade of Member, and is receiving training for Cost Engineering.

Student

Every candidate for election to the class of Student shall satisfy the Council that he is neither under 16 years nor over 25 years of age, and has passed such qualifying examinations or is pursuing such a course of study as may be prescribed or approved by the Council and is receiving adequate training and instruction in cost engineering, or, is interested in cost engineering as an ancillary to the field of his studies.

Every student shall be entitled to remain in that class only during the pleasure of the Council, and may be removed therefrom at any time by a resolution of the Council. In no case shall a student remain in the class after the 31 December next following the day on which on which he attains the age of 26 years.

Associate

Associates are persons of appropriate standing who have an interest in Cost Engineering and wish to participate in the activities of the Association but do not have the qualifications specified for membership.

Companion

A Companion of the Association is a person of suitable standing who, whilst not necessarily personally involved in Cost Engineering, has been, or continues to be, of help and assistance to the Association or to its members and to whom the Association wishes to acknowledge by granting membership in the class of Companion as an expression of Gratitude.