



THE INSTITUTE OF THE MOTOR INDUSTRY

Membership Criteria

Licentiate (LIMI)

For election to the grade of Licentiate, applicants must fulfil the following minimum criteria:

Industry qualifications: A relevant National Vocational Qualification (NVQ or SVQ at Level 2 *)

- or IMI 600 Series qualification or Technical Certificate (at Level 2)
- or City & Guilds 381, 383, 385 Part 2
- or City & Guilds 390 Part 1
- or ❖ATA Service Maintenance Technician
- or acceptable equivalent

Experience: Currently working in the motor industry with 1 years relevant experience

Associate Member (AMIMI)

For election into Associate Membership applicants must meet the following minimum criteria:

Industry qualifications: A relevant National Vocational Qualification (NVQ or SVQ at Level 3 *)

- or IMI 600 Series qualification at Level 3 or IMI Technical Diploma or Certificate in Automotive Management (*replaced the IMI Supervisory Studies qualification*)
- or IMI Supervisory Studies
- or City & Guilds 381, 383, 385 or 390 (all up to at least Part 2 level)
- or BTEC/SCOTVEC (EDEXCEL/SQA) National Certificate or Diploma
- or National Craft Certificate
- or ❖ATA Diagnostic Technician
- or acceptable equivalent

Experience: Currently working in the motor industry with 3 years minimum relevant experience.

Member (MIMI)

For election to Member level, applicants must meet the following minimum criteria:

Industry qualifications: A management NVQ at Level 4 *

- or IMI Certificate of Management
- or BTEC/SCOTVEC (EDEXCEL/SQA) Management or Automotive Technology HNC/D
- or City & Guilds 390 Part 3
- or ❖ATA Master Technician
- or Ordinary degree in appropriate disciplines
- or acceptable equivalent

Experience: Currently working in the motor industry with 3 years relevant experience as a middle manager or technical expert/master technician, of which at least 2 years must be in the motor industry

Applicants who do not have the required qualification(s) but have a minimum of 3 years experience in a qualifying middle management position, may apply but will be required to undertake an assessment

Applications will also be considered from those who have been a technical specialist, (e.g. technically-based LCGI or equivalent) for at least five years.

For Upgrades to the level of Member (MIMI)

3 years as a middle (department) manager plus MIMI assessment **OR** 5 years experience as a technical expert e.g. AAE with full CPD history **OR** an IMI Recognition Agreement at Master Technician Level.

Applications will also be considered from those who have been a technical specialist (e.g. AAE, formerly MAE or LAE, technically-based LCGI or equivalent) for at least five years.

Fellow (FIMI)

Applications for election or upgrade to Fellow must meet the following minimum criteria:

Industry qualifications: A management NVQ at Level 5 *
or IMI Higher Certificate or Diploma of Management
or Post-Graduate Diploma in Management
or MBA
or Honours degree, classification 2:1 or 1st class
or acceptable equivalent

Experience: Currently working in the motor industry with 5 years minimum experience as a senior manager, of which 2 years must be in the motor industry

Applicants who do not hold a relevant qualification but have the relevant experience may apply but will be required to undertake an assessment.

Note

An equivalent national qualification is any current or past qualification recognised by QCA, or its predecessors, by inclusion on the National Framework of Qualifications or any of its previous incarnations, or a qualification reviewed by the Institute and considered to be equivalent to those included on the National Framework. This would include any approved development programmes provided by manufacturers or other employers or their agents or any international qualification deemed to be the equivalent of a UK recognised qualification as detailed by NARIC (The National Academic Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom).

* Must be relevant to the motor industry or position held – usually motor vehicle engineering, management, business studies, finance, marketing, IT or training & development.

Affiliate (AffIMI)

In addition, applicants who do not meet the qualification and experience criteria may apply to be affiliated to the Institute. This includes anyone who is interested in the work of the Institute or a registered student. In their application they sign the Institute's Code of Conduct. Affiliates will be bound by this and will be able to use the post nominal letters of AffIMI that indicate their commitment to this professional code.

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