

## **CRITERIA TO BE MET BY AN ORGANISATION WISHING TO JOIN THE COUNCIL**

In order to be eligible for membership, an organisation should comply with all the following Criteria:

1. The Profession is based on a recognised body of learning of a scientific nature.
2. The organisation is an independent UK body which exists for the collective pursuit of professional aims and objectives in science as set out either in a Royal Charter or Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated under the Companies Act or formally registered in some other way.
3. The organisation has, among its objectives, the practice of the profession in the interest of the public as well as that of its members.
4. Admission to full membership of the organisation should be based on standards of competence as attested by an appropriate degree or equivalent qualification, as well as relevant professional practice. If an organisation does not have strict entry standards for its members, it must be able to show that the majority of its members are so qualified.
5. The organisation recognises its responsibility to advance and extend the body of learning on which the profession is based.
6. The organisation recognises its responsibility to concern itself with facilities, methods and provision for educating and training future entrants to the profession and for enhancing the knowledge of present practitioners.

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