



Membership Criteria

Trainee	Currently studying for an approved academic qualification in a plumbing or heating discipline at an accredited training centre
Affiliate	Has attained either Level 2 Technical Certificate in Basic Plumbing Studies or full NVQ Level 2 but holds insufficient practical experience
Associate	Holds full NVQ Level 2 plus relevant post-qualification experience or City & Guilds Craft Certificate (three years minimum experience required incl. one year post-NVQ) OR No formal qualifications but extensive practical experience supported by references
Member	A minimum of full NVQ Level 3 or City & Guilds Advanced Craft Certificate with appropriate practical experience (five years minimum experience required) City & Guilds Craft Certificate plus extensive practical experience and sufficient professional development (i.e. Water Regulations/Oftec/manufacturer's training courses)
Fellow	Holds HNC/HND/Degrees in relevant engineering discipline and is employed in a senior managerial position (i.e. consultant, manager)



Annual Subscriptions and Fees

Details of the Chartered Institute's annual membership subscriptions are shown below. Subscriptions are due for renewal on 1st January 2011.

For new members there is an additional small entrance fee (non-refundable) to cover the cost of processing your application. Similarly, for existing members applying to upgrade their category of membership, we charge a transfer fee to cover administration.

All applications for new membership must be accompanied by the appropriate payment, so for example if you are applying for membership as an Associate, you should send your completed application form together with payment for the annual subscription (£71) plus the entrance fee of £50 making a total of £121. There is no entrance fee for Trainees or Companions.

N.B. Acceptance of payment does not confirm membership

Category	Subscription (Until Dec 2010)	Entrance Fee	Transfer Fee
Fellow (FCIPHE)	£109.00	£50.00	£45.00
Member (MCIPHE)	£71.00	£50.00	£40.00
Associate (ACIPHE)	£71.00	£50.00	N/A
Trainee	£20.00	NIL	N/A
Affiliate	£30.00	£20.00	N/A
Companion (CompCIPHE)	£71.00	NIL	N/A
Industrial Associate	£220.00	£110.00	N/A

Valid until 31st December 2010

Other Fees:

If an applicant does not hold formal qualifications and is unable to provide documentary evidence of practical competence, we will offer an assessment inspection visit by one of our trained Professional Standards Inspectors. We charge a nominal £75 (non-refundable) to help towards the costs for this service.

The Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering Website entry

If you are accepted by the Institute as an Associate, Member or Fellow and are a self-employed operative – for a small additional fee of £38.00 – you can choose to have your details displayed on the CIPHE website. Entries are confined to those members operating an installation and repair service to the public on a full-time basis who wish to identify their services for the public benefit.

Tax relief on subscriptions

The whole of the CIPHE subscription is allowable for tax relief (subject to status) for members in the UK. Further details are available from the Inland Revenue.