



Background

Over the last 18 months, your Institute undertook a holistic review of the membership grades, structure and qualifying mechanisms in line with the CIAT Strategic and Corporate Plan¹. To ensure that the process was rigorous, robust and evidence based, all stages of this review were considered, debated and approved by Executive Board and Council.

Initial approvals stage

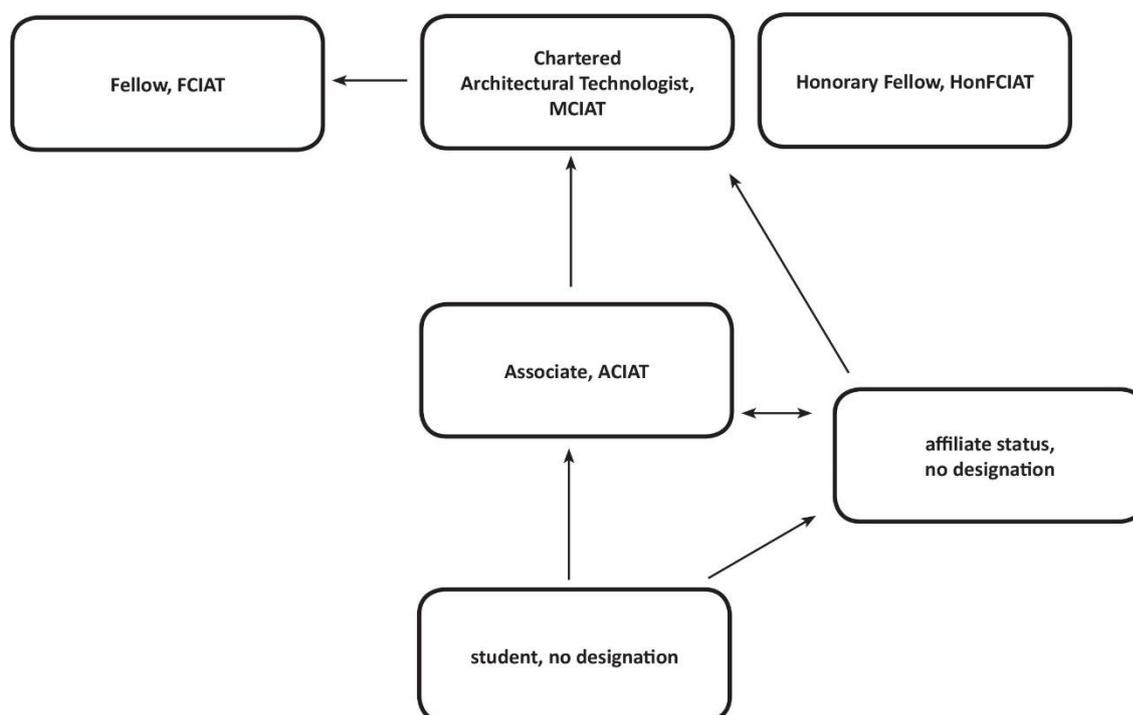
The key stages of the approvals process were as follows:

- Project initiation and draft brief approved Spring 2018 (Executive Board and Council)
- Developed brief and boundaries approved Summer 2018 (Executive Board and Council)
- Initial findings and proposals presented Autumn 2018 (AGM delegates)
- Final proposals approved Spring 2019 (Executive Board and Council)
- AGM Resolutions approved Summer 2019 (Executive Board and Council)

Final approvals stage: AGM 2019

The Review outcomes are in the form of Resolutions for consideration and approval at the AGM in Glasgow on 9 November 2019. The AGM delegation is made up of Voting Delegates from Regions and Centres who will be voting on your behalf. Each of the Membership Grade Review related Resolutions requires a two-thirds majority vote for it to be successful.

Proposed membership structure diagram



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Included with this Fact Sheet is the article from the summer issue of *AT Journal* to serve as a reminder regarding the Membership Grade Review that provides more detail on the background and support information.

¹ which can be viewed on the website
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Key information

The following information accompanying the Resolutions is to help assist your understanding of the changes and how this may affect your membership.

There are no changes to:

- Chartered Architectural Technologist, MCIAT
- Associate member, ACIAT
- Student member

How will the proposed changes affect me as a member?

Chartered Member, MCIAT

There will be no change to your Chartered Architectural Technologist, MCIAT qualification and Membership. However, you will have the opportunity to apply for Fellow class subject to meeting the eligibility criteria and standards.

Chartered Architectural Technologist will remain the highest level of professional qualification and maintains the recognition and status in practise.

Associate member, ACIAT

There will be no change to your Associate, ACIAT membership. You are encouraged to progress your membership to Chartered Membership.

Student member

There will be no change to your student membership and after satisfying the academic criteria, you should initially upgrade to Associate membership and plan how to progress to Chartered Member.

What are the proposed changes to the membership structure?

The Membership Grade Review propositions, as presented, are:

1. phasing out of Technician, TCIAT;
2. phasing out of profile candidate and amalgamating into affiliate status;
3. introduction of affiliate status;
4. introduction of a Fellow class, FCIAT;
5. introduction of an Honorary Fellow class, Hon FCIAT; and
6. closing of the Honorary member class, in favour of Honorary Fellow class.

1. Technician member

Subject to the necessary post AGM approvals, the transitional two-year phase out timeline for Technician (as approved by Executive Board) will begin in December 2019. All Technician members will be written to regarding appropriate support and then natural progression to Chartered Membership.

At the end of the two-year transition, Technician membership and use of the TCIAT post nominal designation will cease. Those who have not upgraded to Chartered Membership will be advised accordingly and transferred to Associate member or affiliate status.

If you are a Technician member and wish to discuss this further, please contact membership@ciat.org.uk for support and advice.

What is the process to progress from Technician to Chartered membership?

You can qualify via the MCIAT Professional Assessment which will take into account the TCIAT POP Record and facilitates a streamlined progression. Please contact membership@ciat.org.uk for further information.

Can I still complete my POP Record to become a Professionally Qualified Architectural Technician, TCIAT?

Yes, if you are currently completing the TCIAT POP Record you will have to express your intention (via a nomination form; you will be written to in this regard) to submit your Technician POP Record by 1 November 2020 and qualify as a Technician member by 31 January 2021.

2. Profile candidate

Profile candidate will be withdrawn and replaced by the affiliate status. All profile candidates will be written to in January 2020 detailing the transitional timeframe and the options available.

Subject to AGM and The Privy Council approvals, it is planned for the transition to take effect on 1 May 2020 and you will automatically be transferred to affiliate status.

Is affiliate status a grade of membership?

No, it is not a membership grade but a status within the membership structure. It facilitates access to qualifying and an opportunity to be engaged and involved with the Institute.

Affiliates will be able to:

- refer to themselves as an 'affiliate of CIAT'; and
- promote their relationship with the Institute via a distinct CIAT affiliate logo (if introduced by Executive Board and issued under license).

I am a self-employed profile candidate, what should I expect?

A Register of Affiliates, similar to the current Profile Register, will be introduced. You will be contacted and engaged with as we work through the transition. The requirements of registration will be the same as the requirements of registration for profile candidates.

The *Code of Conduct* will have a section explicitly for affiliates who join as individuals, practise within Architectural Technology and the built environment sector, and can progress to membership, but may be offering services directly to clients via self-employment and/or have no formal, completed or recognised academic qualification (*see Affiliate status*).

3. Affiliate status

Who can apply and what are the criteria for affiliate status?

There will be two types of affiliate status for individuals. All affiliates will be expected to comply with the relevant sections of the *Code of Conduct*.

Affiliate A:

Architectural Technology professionals who:

- do not satisfy the academic standard criteria for membership; or
- are offering services directly to clients via self-employment (as defined in the *Code of Conduct*).

Affiliate B:

Individuals: For those with an interest in Architectural Technology and/or built environment sector and wish to be associated with CIAT and support the discipline.

Group or body corporates: For those with an interest in Architectural Technology and/or built environment sector and wish to support and be associated with the discipline of Architectural Technology and CIAT.

This is not a replacement for any membership grade or shortcut thereof; it does not provide the status and recognition enjoyed by the various classes of membership and in particular Chartered Architectural Technologists.

When will this be launched?

Subject to the necessary post AGM approvals, the intention is that affiliate A will be launched from 1 May 2020 and the affiliate B launched later in 2020 or from 1 January 2021.

4. Fellow Member, FCIAT

This is a new class of membership which Chartered Architectural Technologists, MCIAT can apply for as an additional qualification.

What is a Fellow Member?

Fellow Member and the use of the post nominal letters, FCIAT enables additional recognition for Chartered Architectural Technologists. It is awarded for excellence and/or for significant contribution to the advancement of the discipline, profession or practice of Architectural Technology. This class complements the Chartered Architectural Technologist qualification and is an aspirational achievement for such Members to further demonstrate their skills, roles and functions.

Who can apply?

Chartered Architectural Technologists.

What are the criteria to become a Fellow?

The relevant standards, criteria and processes are being finalised for approval by Executive Board. A Fellows' Assessment Panel will be established to assess applications for Fellow membership.

How will it differ to being a Chartered Architectural Technologist MCIAT?

Chartered Architectural Technologist, MCIAT is a professional qualification achieved when Members demonstrate their underpinning knowledge, experience and competence attained through practical experience and professionalism.

Fellow, FCIAT is a new class of membership awarded to recognise how a Chartered Member has developed themselves professionally, and for the betterment of the profession and discipline of Architectural Technology. FCIAT recognises a Member's achievements, and that they have demonstrated the key attributes of leadership, excellence and contribution to the built environment.

When will this be launched?

Subject to the necessary post AGM approvals from The Privy Council, the intention is for it to be launched from 1 May 2020.

5. Honorary Fellow membership: Who can apply?

It is by invitation only and cannot be applied for. Individuals will be nominated and assessed.

Honorary Fellow, HonFCIAT

This will be awarded to a distinguished individual:

- with pre-eminence in their field;
- for significant contribution to the profession; or
- with a significant and ongoing relationship with the profession.

Who will assess Honorary Fellow memberships?

An Honorary Fellows' Assessment Panel will be established to review and assess applications to award Honorary Fellow membership.

When will this be Introduced?

Subject to the necessary post AGM approvals from The Privy Council, the intention is for it to be launched from 1 May 2020.

6. Honorary member, HonMCIAT

The Institute is privileged to have twelve Honorary members. Following the AGM, all Honorary members will be written to confirming that their status has been unaffected and that they remain Honorary members.

Will there be any new Honorary members post the AGM?

Subject to the necessary post AGM approvals from The Privy Council, there will be no new Honorary members; the class will be closed.

What happens post the AGM?

As CIAT is Incorporated by Royal Charter, any Resolutions that change the Charter and Bye-laws must be approved by The Privy Council, who regulate all Chartered Bodies. The Institute has been working with The Privy Council in readiness for these proposed changes. As post AGM processes and approvals are required, any changes within the Charter and Bye-laws cannot become effective until the approvals from The Privy Council have been received. There is a transitional timetable for the implementation of the modifications, subject to change due to The Privy Council processes.

We invite you to support these proposed changes that are set to strengthen the position and profile of the discipline, profession and Institute further.

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