



The Road to Chartered Archaeologist: August 2018

This summer's edition of the Chartered Archaeologist newsletter marks the launch of the final stage of technical consultation. We will then produce a formal proposal in January and this will be voted on at an Extraordinary General Meeting in April 2019. In this newsletter we also reflect on the previous stage of consultation and on what other chartered institutes have gone through to develop their own chartered grades.



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Consultation on the criteria for assessment of professional competence

In mid-April, we issued draft criteria for the assessment of professional competence, as part of the development of the proposed new Chartered Archaeologist grade, for consultation with members. This followed discussions with our Advisory Council.

Overall, the consultation generated a positive response.

We asked if respondents felt the criteria were clear and easy to understand and 70% respondents felt they were. 21% thought they weren't and 9% weren't sure.

We then asked whether they were the right criteria and whether there were any gaps. 58% of the responses were mainly positive and 9% were mainly negative. 33% suggested additional or alternative criteria/approaches to be considered alongside the proposal. These included ensuring that the role of museum archaeologists was included and that the criteria aren't focussed on UK professional practice. Some respondents felt that references to clients and stakeholders meant that the criteria were skewed towards specific roles (eg within consultancy) and others felt that the responsibility to deliver public benefit was outside their day-to-day remit.

In question three, we asked whether the criteria were sufficiently generic to apply across the broad range of archaeological practice. Respondents indicated they were not entirely comfortable with the idea of 'generic' criteria and a number suggested that separate pathways should be developed for different specialisms.

A final question asking for any additional comments drew responses reiterating concerns about generic criteria. Others indicated that more information about the means of assessment was required to help understand the process as a whole. The need to balance robustness with simplicity was stressed by a small number of respondents who were concerned that an onerous process would put off applicants.

Final technical consultation launched: Assessment methodologies

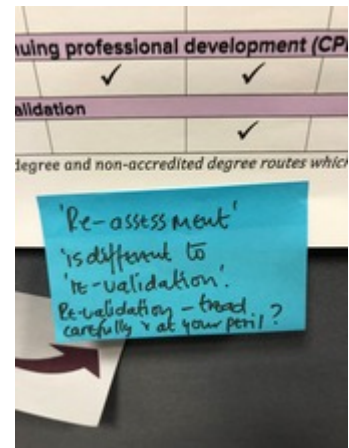
We are pleased to launch the next and final stage of technical consultation.

Alongside the assessment *criteria*, we have also been developing the assessment *methodology* and the draft framework has now been issued for consultation.

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Following on from that, we will produce draft guidance so that members can see how the whole process is intended to work. The criteria and methodology will be amended in the light of consultation responses and further consultation on the suite of documents will take place in the Autumn.



Discussion Paper 2: Case studies from other professions



In this discussion paper, we examine the processes through which the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) and the Institute of Chartered Foresters each went through to develop chartered status in their professions. We also reflect on the outcomes and on what CifA can learn from each case.

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