

CSCS cards: PQP card and CIfA membership

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CITB has been in contact with CIfA to warn them that individuals who gain a CSCS card through the Professional Qualified Persons (PQP) route (i.e. membership of a professional organisation- see list at <https://www.cscs.uk.com/card-type/professionally-qualified-person/>) are required as a condition of that card to maintain that membership for the 5 years of the card's validity. It is the responsibility of the cardholder to maintain their membership for the duration of the card and if they choose not to continue then they will no longer be eligible to hold the card.

For the majority of archaeologists, this will be CIfA accredited membership.

So simply put: if you joined CIfA just to get a PQP card, you are required to maintain your professional accreditation for that card to be valid. If you leave CIfA within the life time of your PQP card, then you would have to either become a member of a different professional organisation, demonstrating your professional ability to them, or go through the Academically Qualified Person route.

But there is another option: why not maintain your CIfA membership and become part of the change you want within the professional organisation. There are now more PCIfAs and ACIfAs than ever before. Get your voice heard. All CIfA committees need more members, and all would benefit from having more PCIfA and ACIfA members- people who know what the day to day challenges of site archaeologists are, who know where conditions are poor and who want to do something about it. The committees who approve members and ROs are always looking for more members. The Advisory Committee is looking for more members. Diggers' Forum is looking for more members. Get involved.

