

Recognised qualifications

If you're joining as a Student, Associate, Member or applying for Fellowship and including a qualification as part of your application, below you will find information on the level and types of qualifications recognised for each grade, as well as the subject areas.

Qualification levels

When describing qualification levels, we have used the England, Wales & Northern Ireland Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF). If your qualification is on another framework, you will need to check its equivalency to the RQF. Depending on where you are based, you may find the following webpages useful:

- [Regulated Qualifications Framework](#)
- [Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework](#)
- [European Qualifications Framework](#)
- [The National Qualification Framework UAE](#)

If your qualification is not on a qualification framework, we may require evidence of equivalency before we can process your membership application, which may involve supplying the syllabus or a letter from the awarding organisation. For qualifications that originate outside of the UK, you may be asked to obtain a Statement of Comparability from NARIC. You can find out more about how to apply for it, including the fees [here](#). If more information is needed before we can progress your application, we will let you know.

Recognised qualification subjects

A wide range of risk and risk-related topics qualify the holder for membership. As a risk charity we welcome those responsible for the management of risks, in all their forms, as we believe diversity in membership provides richer learning opportunities from the sharing of their knowledge and experiences. The list below provides examples of the subjects we accept. We will consider others depending on the nature of the subject.

- Audit
- Business continuity
- Compliance
- Construction design management
- Crisis management
- Emergency planning
- Engineering
- Environmental management
- Facilities management
- Fire safety/risk management
- Governance
- Health & safety
- Human Resources
- Insurance
- Operational risk
- Procurement
- Project management
- Property management
- Quality management
- Risk management
- Security
- Sustainability
- Wellbeing



If you're unsure if your qualification is eligible contact us at membership@iirsm.org

The tab below shows the levels and types of qualifications we accept for each grade of membership.

Qualifications Levels

Student - you need to be studying for any level of academic or professional qualification. Free membership is for the duration of your studies.

Associate - you require a level 3 qualification.

- Level 3 professional qualification
- Level 3 NVQ

Member/Specialist - you require a minimum of level 4 qualification.

- Level 4 professional qualification
- Level 4 NVQ
- Certificate of higher education (CertHE)
- Higher National Certificate

Fellow - you require a minimum of level 6 qualification.

- Bachelor's Degree
- Graduate Certificate
- Graduate Diploma
- Level 6 professional qualifications of at least 121 hours / 13 credits
- Level 6 NVQ

