

BRIGHTEN YOUR OUTLOOK

Chartered Meteorologist CMet Accreditation Scheme

What is it?

- ◆ a professional qualification in meteorology, recognised throughout the EU, at a level equivalent to that of a Chartered Engineer

Why do I need it?

- ◆ to satisfy EU clients and employers that you have reached and continue to maintain a specified level of knowledge and experience
- ◆ increasingly future customers and employers will require that staff providing their services are accredited and recognised throughout the EU

Who can apply for it?

- ◆ anyone in the industry who has the required qualifications and training. You must just be able to demonstrate the required level of meteorological knowledge

How do I apply for it?

- ◆ complete and return the application form at the end of this document, visit the website or telephone +44(0)118 956 8500

Who is supporting this initiative?

- ◆ the CMet scheme is supported by The Met Office, The Royal Navy and other organisations committed to Continuing Professional Development and the principle of Investors in People

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Fellows of The Royal Meteorological Society who satisfy the Society as to their training, experience and competence as set out below are entitled to quote their accreditation as a qualification for professional purposes, subject to the Charter and By-Laws of the Society. They may use the title Chartered Meteorologist and the abbreviation CMet.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ACCREDITATION

To qualify for chartered status, a candidate must satisfy the Society with regard to the following criteria -

◆ scientific background

The normal requirement is a UK or other EU degree in any science, engineering or computational subject or a non-EU equivalent. An alternative degree-equivalent qualification may be accepted in the case of someone with sufficient relevant practical experience.

◆ knowledge of meteorological science and practice

A minimum level of knowledge of meteorology is required. This would normally be provided by specialist university courses at first degree or higher degree level but extensive practical experience may be an alternative.

◆ experience and judgement

A minimum of five years recent work at an appropriate professional level is required. Successful completion of a relevant postgraduate MSc or PhD degree may count as one or two years of work respectively.

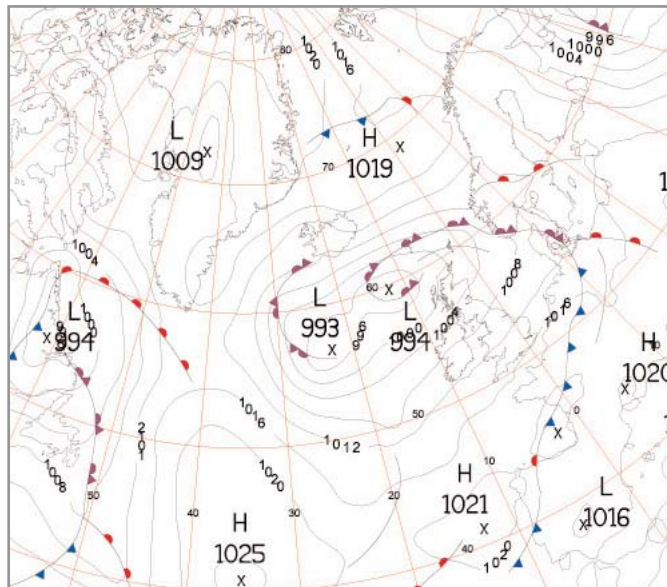
◆ ability to communicate clearly in English

Evidence of the ability to communicate in English orally and in writing is required. This will be established by an Interview Panel at interview, together with submission of published papers, reports, theses, etc. Before interview, applicants may be asked to write a short paper.

◆ probity

Referees will be expected to vouch for the character and honesty of applicants. Before acceptance applicants are required to agree explicitly to conform to the Code of Conduct.

CHARTERED METEOROLOGIST ACCREDITATION SCHEME



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The aim of accreditation is to provide a professional qualification in meteorology at a level equivalent to that of Chartered Engineer, which will assure clients and employers throughout the EU that individuals have reached a stipulated level of competence. Although accreditation cannot provide a guarantee of quality of individual pieces of work, nor can the Society offer any indemnity against client claims, holders of the qualification are bound by a Code of Conduct.

BACKGROUND

The Society continues to increase the availability of meteorological education at all levels. The accreditation procedure provides a professional qualification, recognised throughout the EU, which may be quoted when members seek business or employment. Such qualifications are being increasingly demanded in many professions.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications are invited from those working in meteorology and related fields: physical oceanographers and hydrologists are particularly welcome, provided that a minimum level of meteorological knowledge is possessed. Note that a non-member of the Society seeking accreditation must first be elected a Fellow. Overseas applications will be welcomed, and treated on an equal footing with those from the UK, as far as is practicable. All proceedings are conducted in English.

PROCEDURE

Detailed guidance notes are sent out with the application form. When the completed form has been received, the Society will ask the referees, nominated by the applicant, to complete a reference form.

The Accreditation Board will ask the applicant to meet with an Interview Panel for final assessment. Arrangements for interviewing overseas candidates will be as flexible as proves practicable. Members of Course Evaluation and Interview Panels will be appointed according to the specialisations concerned.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Royal Meteorological Society Chartered Meteorologists are expected to abide by a code of professional conduct. Only individuals who intend to abide by this code should apply for accreditation. Actions contrary to this code will provide grounds for the accreditation of an individual to be discontinued.

This Code of Conduct is additional to and does not take the place of any Code of Ethics to which the Member may already be subject.