



# Membership Benefits

Joining and Upgrading



## Welcome to the World's Foremost Aerospace Community

**The Royal Aeronautical Society is the world's only professional body dedicated to the entire aerospace community. Established in 1866 to further the art, science and engineering of aeronautics, the Society has been at the forefront of developments in aerospace ever since.**

### What do we do?

- › Promote the highest professional standards in all aerospace disciplines
- › Provide specialist information and act as a central forum for the exchange of ideas
- › Play a leading role in influencing opinion on aerospace matters

The Society's membership profile is drawn from a diverse range of organisations and fields of expertise, including engineering, design, aircrew and air traffic control. Along with those not traditionally regarded as part of the aerospace and aviation industry, such as law, finance, marketing and recruitment.

### What does Society membership offer you?

- › Membership grades for professionals and enthusiasts alike
- › Professional recognition and the opportunity to register with the Engineering Council (UK)
- › Access to a global network of 17,000 members in over 100 countries, meaning the Society is foremost in influencing the future of aerospace
- › A wealth of information through monthly publications, the website and our internationally renowned aerospace reference library and archive resources
- › Professional Development derived from the Society's international conference and lecture programme
- › Preferential rates for the Society's 400+ events and conferences held each year
- › Unparalleled professional networking opportunities by attending events and involvement with the Society's 24 Specialist Groups and 60+ international Branches
- › Over 3,500 young members worldwide and a thriving Young Members group
- › Free careers guidance from our specialist Careers Centre
- › Use of the Airbus Business Suite and the Members Bar
- › Access to the Centennial Scholarship Fund



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# Key Membership Benefits

## Professional Recognition

Membership provides worldwide professional recognition and the use of post nominal designations at the appropriate grades; acknowledging your status throughout the entire aerospace community. Membership of the Society is also a route to gaining Engineering Council (UK) registration at the appropriate grade.

## Influencing the Future of Aerospace

The Society is a global forum of opinion on the very latest developments in the aerospace industry. Knowledge and ideas are openly debated at the Society's conferences and lectures, and reported in its journals and magazines. As a prominent independent authoritative body, the Society has a significant influence on the issues confronting today's aerospace community; including participation in government and industry initiatives and building strategic relationships with the world's leading aerospace organisations. By briefing the media, providing topical comment and advising boards of public enquiry, the Society plays a crucial role in raising the profile of the aerospace community.

## Keeping You Informed

Society members receive two complimentary publications each month. *Aerospace International* is the Society's monthly magazine packed with topical articles, in-depth news, conference reports, new products, services and contracts. *Aerospace Professional* is the monthly publication dedicated to news of society members and important developments within the Society along with providing information on lectures, conferences and other forthcoming events. *The Aeronautical Journal* is the UK's leading scientific and technical aerospace archival

reference and is available to members at a substantial discount.

The **Website** enables members to keep up with the latest developments in the industry through its dedicated news service and web links. Everything you need to know about the Society is available via the website. Members can exclusively access online library and publication archives and update their membership details.

The **Library** is internationally renowned as an outstanding source of specialist books, periodicals and reports from all over the world. Members of the Society have free access to this extensive resource at the Society's headquarters in London and at the National Aerospace Library in Farnborough.

## Professional Development

Valuable Professional Development is derived from the Society's international Conference and Lecture Programme. The Society attracts high profile delegates and speakers from a wide range of backgrounds, including industry, government and academia, in both civil and military arenas. Society members have free and preferential access to all lectures and a substantial discount on conference fees.

## Professional Network

As the Society is the home for all aerospace professionals it offers unparalleled opportunities for networking and exchange of views. You can play an active part in the Society by attending events, joining a Specialist Group or Committee and participating in local Branch activities. Branches are the Society's local presence; their initiatives promote and focus attention on local aerospace issues and give members the opportunity to get involved with Society activities in their area.

## Careers Advice

The Society's Careers Centre is dedicated to providing expert information and guidance about aerospace opportunities; membership entitles you to free and unlimited guidance offering personalised support for people at all stages of their career. It is strongly supported by industry, government and academia, so is uniquely placed to help individuals make informed decisions about education, training, employment and career development.

## Young Members

The thriving Young Members Board is committed to meeting the needs of members aged 30 and under. It highlights and addresses the issues affecting aerospace professionals in the early stages of their career.

## Use of the Airbus Business Suite

Individual members of the Society can now use the the Airbus Business Suite in addition to the Members Bar (subject to availability on the day) at the Society's HQ in central London. With full internet access, comfortable surroundings and refreshments available, this facility provides an ideal stop-off point for those visiting London or between appointments.

## Centennial Scholarship Fund

The Centennial Scholarship Fund was created in 2003 to reward endeavour and achievement in aerospace and aviation across the globe. Over 100 awards have so far been presented and have covered areas such as help with university tuition fees through to research grants to bursaries for trainee pilots.



## Membership Grades

The Royal Aeronautical Society offers grades of membership for enthusiasts and professionals alike. For those working in aerospace, membership provides professional recognition and development as an individual's career progresses.

### Engineering Council (UK)

Registration may be achieved via the Society's membership grades. Applications are welcomed from engineers at any level of their careers and can be made for Chartered Engineer (CEng), Incorporated Engineer (IEng) and Engineering Technician (EngTech).

### Affiliate

This grade is suitable for:

- › Anyone in full-time study intending to follow a career in aerospace.
- › Anyone associated with, or interested in, aerospace.

### Associate (ARAEs)

Open to those with one of the following qualifications:

- › A degree or equivalent.
- › A National/Scottish Vocational Qualification Level 3 or equivalent (such as a BTEC National Certificate), along with two years' practical training and one year's relevant work experience.
- › A Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer holding a UK CAA License without type rating, or equivalent, and have held the license for two years.

Applicants for ARAEs may also be entitled to apply for EngTech.

### Associate Member (AMRAEs)

For those with qualifications or experience covered by one of the following:

- › An Honours degree or equivalent and two years' professional development.

- › A National/Scottish Vocational Qualification Level 4 or equivalent (such as a BTEC Higher National Certificate) or an ordinary degree along with two years' practical training and three years' relevant work experience at a relevant level of responsibility.
  - › Ten years' appropriate experience.
  - › A Licensed Aircraft Engineer holding a UK CAA license with type rating, or equivalent for three years, or have appropriate company approvals, and two years work experience involving supervisory and/or technical administration.
- Applicants for AMRAEs may also be eligible to apply for EngTech or IEng.

### Member (MRAEs)

There are two ways to qualify as a Member:

- › If you have an academic or vocational qualification acceptable to Council, normally this would be an Honours degree, along with two years' postgraduate training and a further two years' experience at an appropriate level of responsibility.
- › Or at least seven years appropriate work experience in a position of responsibility at a level appropriate to the class of Member.

Applicants for MRAEs may also be eligible to apply for CEng, IEng or EngTech.

### Companion (CRAEs)

Companionship is granted to those who are of valuable service to the profession of aeronautics but do not qualify for the grade of Fellow. An example would be senior executives moving into the industry from other sectors later in their careers.

### Fellow (FRAEs)

Fellowship is the highest grade attainable and is only bestowed upon those in the aerospace profession who have achieved one of the following:

- › Made outstanding contributions.
- › Attained a position of high responsibility.
- › Have had long experience of high quality.

For further information on all membership grades and registration:  
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