

Associate Membership Requirements

	The candidate must be able to prove completion of at least ONE of the below to achieve membership	Automatic Associate membership	Staff check (refer to Member Panel if unsure as to relevance)	Automatic referral to Member Panel
	FOR CANDIDATES WITH FULLY LI ACCREDITED QUALIFICATIONS			
1	LI accredited undergraduate degree totaling 480 credits* with at least 120 credits* at Level 7 (FHEQ) or equivalent and including a year out prior to such Level 7 study.	✓		
2	Cognate** (non-accredited) degree (Level 6 or higher (FHEQ) or equivalent) plus LI accredited postgraduate qualification with at least 180 credits* at Level 7 (FHEQ) or equivalent.	✓		
3	Non-cognate (non-accredited) degree (Level 6 or higher (FHEQ) or equivalent) plus LI accredited conversion programme totaling 300 credits* of which at least 180 credits* must be at Level 7 (FHEQ) or equivalent.	✓		
	<p><i>*UK or equivalent</i></p> <p><i>**Cognate = A cognate course or programme develops: A. Foundation knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to all of the core Landscape Competencies in the LI's Competency Framework and B. The key transferable knowledge, skills and understanding underpinning professional practice and working life in general and reflected in the Professional Competencies in the LI's Competency Framework. (The Competency Framework can be viewed at: https://www.landscapeinstitute.org/education/introducing-the-new-entry-standards-and-competency-framework/).</i></p>			

	FOR CANDIDATES WITHOUT FULLY LI ACCREDITED QUALIFICATIONS			
4	IFLA Europe 'recognised' qualification in Landscape Design, Urban Design or Planning plus 1 year relevant work experience.		✓	
5	IFLA Europe 'recognised' qualification in Landscape Management or Science plus 1 year relevant work experience.		✓	
6	3-year BA in Landscape Architecture/Planning accredited course totaling 360 UK credits plus 3 years relevant work experience		✓	
7	1-year MA Landscape Architecture/Planning (non-accredited) (following BA in Landscape or related qualification) plus 2 years relevant work experience.		✓	
8	Non-accredited Design, Urban Design or Planning related degree (under or post graduate) (UK or international) plus five years post-graduate relevant work experience.			✓
9	Non-accredited Design, Urban Design or Planning related graduate and post-graduate qualification (UK or international) plus 4 years relevant work experience.			✓
10	Design, Urban Design or Planning related non degree qualification plus 9 years relevant work experience.			✓
11	Non-accredited Management or Science related undergraduate qualification plus four years relevant work experience.			✓
12	Non-accredited Management or Science related graduate and post-graduate qualification plus three years relevant work experience.			✓
13	Management or Science related non degree qualification plus 9 years relevant work experience.			✓

1. General

Applicants must provide a fully completed application form and current CV. Candidates without accredited degrees must provide sufficient detail to allow judgements to be made regarding the relevance of qualifications and experience or their application should be returned, (portfolios are not required).

2. Related qualifications

Related qualifications must relate to the generic characteristics set out in the QAA Benchmark Statement for Landscape Architecture which are as follows:

Knowledge and understanding of:

- the global, regional and local contexts of the profession
- the social, cultural, economic and environmental context of the profession
- the professional, legal and ethical contexts in which landscape architecture is practiced, with a particular emphasis on the role of the chartered practitioner operating within the professional code of conduct
- the physical and natural processes and anthropogenic impacts that shape the landscape and bring about change over time
- the historic and contemporary context of the profession
- the management, use and conservation of resources
- sustainability and environmental impact in both the short and the long term
- the inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary interface between the different areas of the profession, and between landscape architecture and other professions
- the range of users and uses of different types of landscape and the interactions between them, including potential tensions
- the principles of inclusive design and the processes needed to achieve an inclusive environment
- the identification and specification of the various palettes of materials used in the profession
- a range of techniques where appropriate to the subject and scale of work, such as site survey and analysis, landscape assessment, environmental audit, community participation and consultation
- where appropriate to the programme, socio-economic, legislative and planning frameworks, environmental impact assessment, and landscape and visual impact assessment
- appropriate research methods, frameworks and theories
- the visualisation of proposals for the design and/or management of landscape related projects, including two dimensional, three dimensional and temporal contexts
- the role and impact of intellectual property (IP) within creative design environments
- the ability to present proposals to a range of professional and lay audiences
- a professional approach to study, continuing professional development and lifelong learning.

3. Relevant work experience

Relevant experience may include working in a landscape-based occupation, such as working as a landscape professional in a landscape practice (ideally a practice registered with the LI), a public body such as a local authority or National Park Authority. Work experience can be salaried or voluntary and does not need to be a continuous period of time but in total should amount to the required number of years set out above.

Work experience outside the UK or NI which is not with a LI registered practice may require additional supporting evidence.

Relevant work experience should be assessed against the Areas of Practice set out in the LI document 'Elements and Areas of Practice' although where new developing areas of practice occur, such as place management or digital practice are demonstrated, these should also be considered. The main Areas of Practice and related typical activities are set out below.

Landscape design

Landscape design is the holistic process of shaping the natural and built environment to create desirable places for people to live, work and play, and environments for plants and animals to thrive.

Typical activities include:

- producing feasibility studies and site and context appraisals
- preparing written advice and recommendations
- coordinating and conducting community engagement and consultation with users/owners/managers other stakeholders
- developing design solutions and proposals
- preparing drawings and 3D visualisations to illustrate plans and proposals
- preparing planning applications and participating in the planning process
- preparing detailed designs, working drawings, specifications, and associated documents to support tender documentation and site implementation
- participation in the tendering process, contract administration and site inspections
- specifying plants, construction materials and other elements such as street furniture
- specifying for construction of hard landscapes and the implementation of planting proposals
- managing projects and contracts
- providing advice on policy and strategy
- resource and budget assessment and planning including the preparation of cost estimates
- contributing to public inquiries and acting as an expert witness

Landscape management

Landscape management is the care of land to ensure that landscapes can fulfil needs and aspirations in an effective and sustainable manner for present and future communities of users.

Typical activities include:

- conducting and coordinating site assessments
- advising on management and maintenance considerations in respect of new designs and proposals

- preparing and implementing management plans
- preparing site specific restoration schemes and other management based solutions to site issues
- preparing area strategy and policy documents for long term landscape management
- coordinating and conducting community engagement and consultation with users/owners/managers other stakeholders
- resource and budget assessment and planning including the preparation of cost estimates
- managing, coordinating and contributing to detailed assessments and studies
- advising on compliance with relevant policy, legislation, good practice and relevant standards
- tender preparation and administration, and contract supervision
- preparation of maintenance schedules
- managing projects and contracts
- contributing to public inquiries and acting as an expert witness

Landscape planning

Landscape planning is the development and application of strategies, policies and plans to create successful environments, in both urban and rural settings, for the benefit of current and future generations.

Typical activities include:

- preparing and advising on policy and strategy within legal frameworks
- preparing Green Infrastructure plans and implementation strategies
- preparing planning applications and participating in the planning process
- managing, coordinating and contributing to detailed assessments and studies including,
 - environmental impact assessment
 - landscape and visual impact assessment
 - landscape character surveys, assessment and reports
- master planning for development and regeneration schemes
- coordinating and conducting community engagement and consultation with users/owners/managers other stakeholders
- advising on compliance with relevant policy, legislation, good practice and relevant standards
- managing projects and contracts
- providing advice to development control planning officers
- contributing to public inquiries and acting as an expert witness

Landscape science is the application of environmental and ecological expertise in the assessment, analysis and resolution of practical landscape issues, and in the enhancement of the landscape.

Typical activities include:

- evaluation of significance, effects and proposed amelioration of planning proposals
- detailed assessments and studies including ecological risk assessments, Phase 1 habitat surveys and ecological assessment, environmental impact assessments, screening and scoping studies, strategic environmental assessment and sustainability appraisals, arboricultural impact assessments, agricultural land capability and soil assessments, groundwater assessment, hydrological assessment and flood risk, pollution analysis and remediation studies
- conducting landscape and habitat surveys, protected species and other surveys and monitoring
- advising on integrated solutions for ecological mitigation and landscape mitigation
- advising on sustainable landscape reclamation, restoration and sustainable drainage
- preparing management plans
- designing and creating habitats and restoration proposals, including translocation of species and planting
- managing projects and contracts
- providing advice on policy and strategy
- contributing to public inquiries and acting as an expert witness

Urban design

Urban design is the process of shaping the physical setting for life in cities, towns and villages. It involves both the art of ‘placemaking’ and the science of creating urban form which is fit for purpose.

Typical activities include:

- managing the urban design process, including facilitating public and stakeholder engagement, setting briefs for consultants, negotiating and collaborating with other professionals and organising urban design competitions
- conducting urban design studies and appraisals such as morphology studies, policy reviews, urban/townscape character assessments, public space appraisals, sustainability studies and connectivity studies
- preparing urban design policy and guidance such as vision statements, Urban Design codes and guides, development briefs, public realm strategies, local or village design statements
- master planning, including designing the overarching movement/development framework for sites or areas, site specific development layouts, preparation of Design and Access Statements, and preparing delivery documents
- providing urban design advice such as advising on prospective planning applications, advising on the design aspects of development control and strategic planning, and providing expert witness services at Planning Appeals and Development Plan Inquiries
- managing projects
- providing advice on policy and strategy

- acting as an advocate for urban design and place making
- contributing to public inquiries and acting as an expert witness