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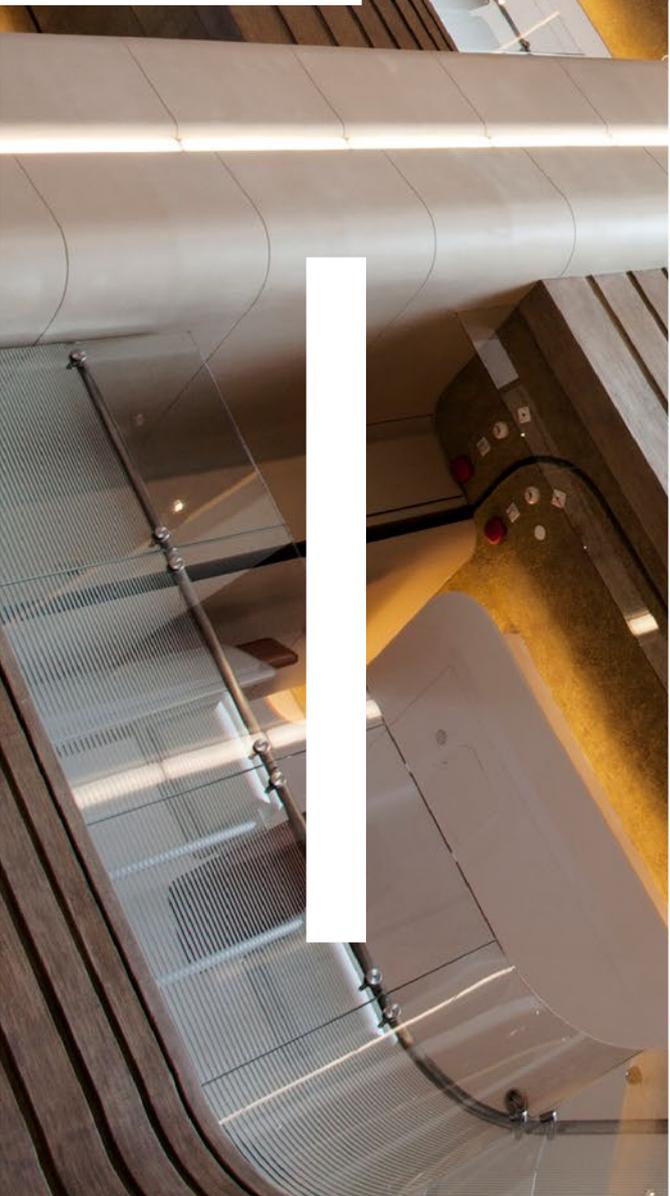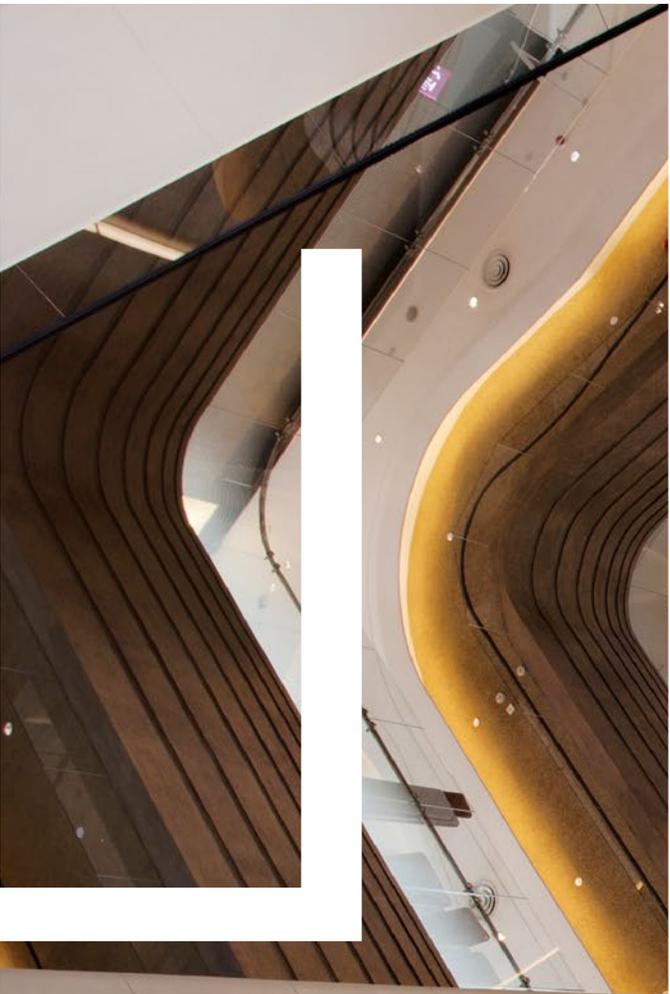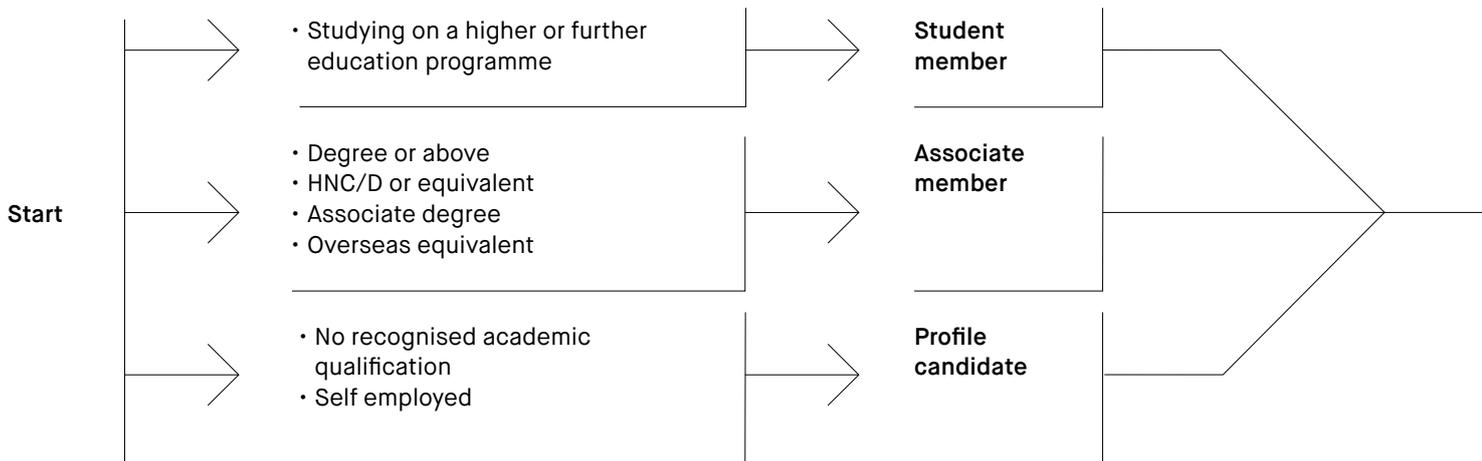
Becoming a member

If your career is within Architectural Technology, membership of the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT) is your essential next step.

CIAT is the lead qualifying body for Architectural Technology and awards both the Chartered Architectural Technologist, MCIAT and professionally qualified Architectural Technician, TCIAT qualifications. CIAT can help you get ahead with numerous membership benefits and a range of grades dependent on your academic/professional achievements, employment status and/or experience.

What do I join as?

There are three grades of membership leading to qualification as a Technician, TCIAT or Chartered Member, MCIAT. Your academic qualification/s and employment status will determine which of the three membership grades you will be eligible to join at initially:

- Student member
- Associate member
- profile candidate

Start

- Studying on a higher or further education programme

- Degree or above
- HNC/D or equivalent
- Associate degree
- Overseas equivalent

- No recognised academic qualification
- Self employed

Student member

Associate member

Profile candidate

Student member

If you are studying on a higher or further education programme, part or full-time, designed to lead to a career in Architectural Technology, then student membership is the first step for you! It is free of charge for the duration of your studies and you can join online at: ciat.org.uk/membership/join.html
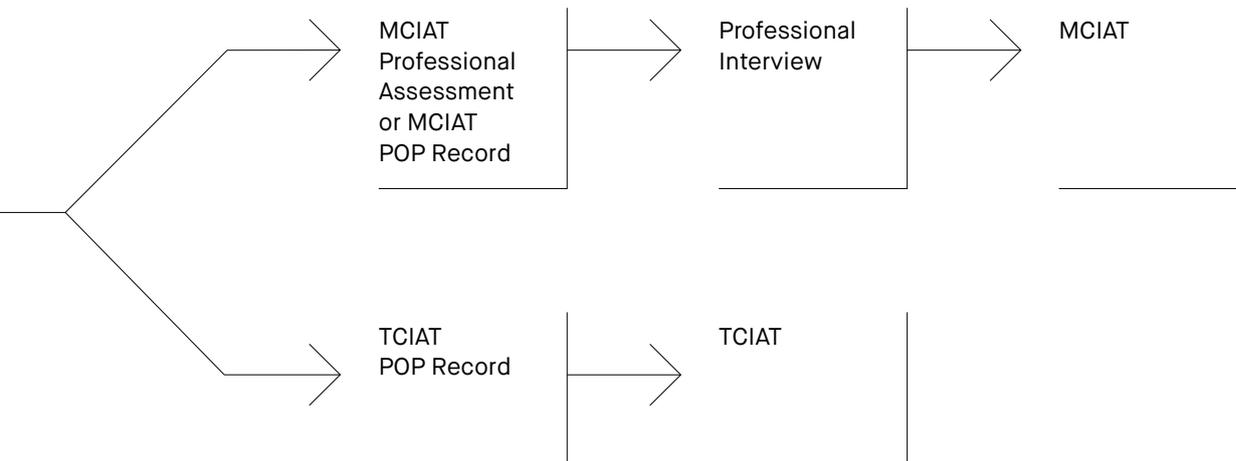
Associate member, ACIAT

If you hold a recognised qualification within the built environment and are an employee or unemployed, then you can join as an Associate member. For full details and to complete the online application form visit: ciat.org.uk/membership/join.html
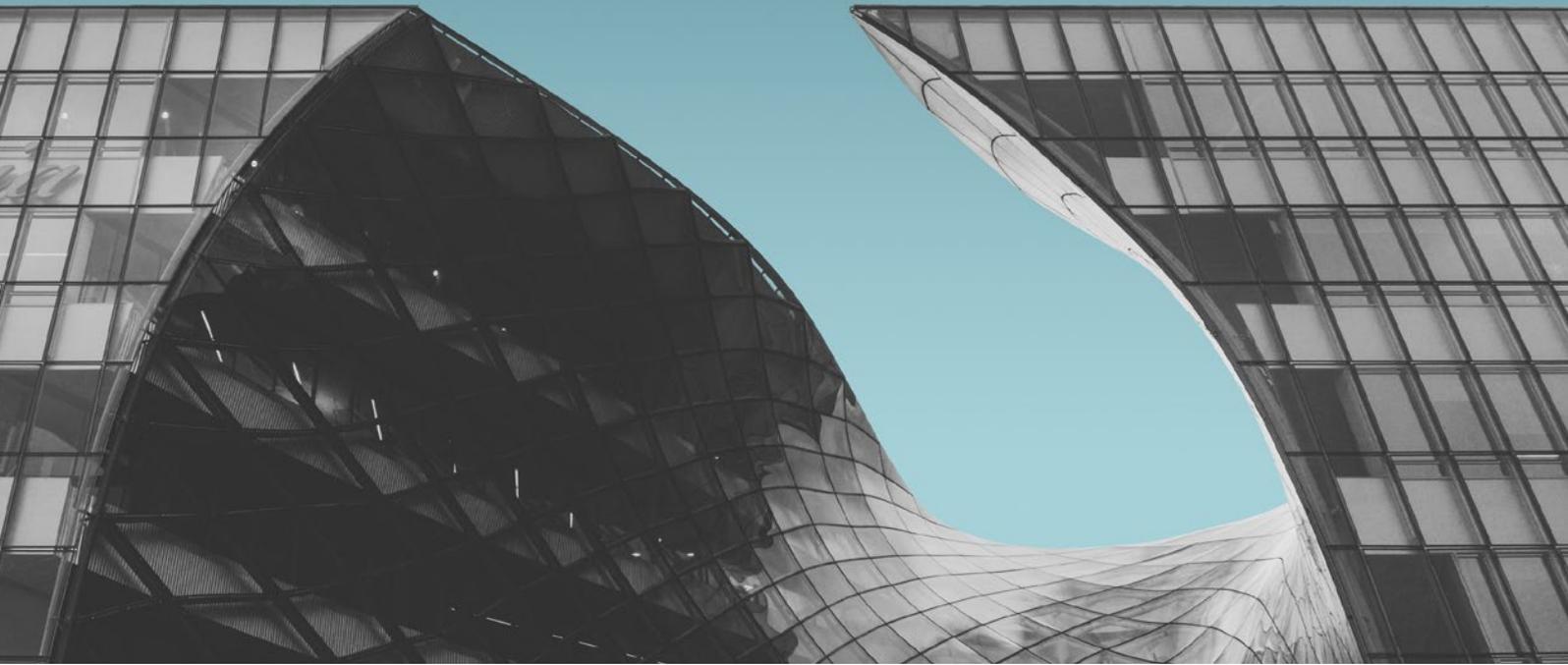
profile candidate Type A

If you do not hold a formal qualification or have an unrecognised qualification, then you can apply as a profile candidate (Type A). For full details and to complete the online application form visit: ciat.org.uk/membership/join.html

What if I am self-employed? - profile candidate Type B

If you are also self-employed as a sole practitioner, principal, partner, director, LLP member or freelancing, offering/providing services directly to clients (paid or unpaid) or you are giving guidance or services to friends, family or others, you will need to join as a profile candidate (Type B). You will need to register your practice by completing a practice profile form for profile candidates, providing evidence of valid professional indemnity insurance and copies of business stationery for approval. Please contact membership@ciat.org.uk for further information.

MCIAT Professional Assessment or MCIAT POP Record → Professional Interview → MCIAT

TCIAT POP Record → TCIAT

Membership schemes

Group Membership Scheme (GMS)

If you are a practice or organisation with three or more paying members or applying for any grade of membership (except student), then you are eligible to become part of the Group Membership Scheme (GMS) and save money on joining and the qualifying fees.

GMS benefits:

· Waived application fee saving £70 per applicant

· 50% reduction in first year annual subscription per new applicant

· 25% reduction in future assessment fees when submitting en bloc

· Professional Interview Boards held at a practice (for three or more candidates)

· Eligibility to use the CIAT GMS logo (no charge)

· 25% discount when advertising via CIAT|jobs

Further details on this can be found at:
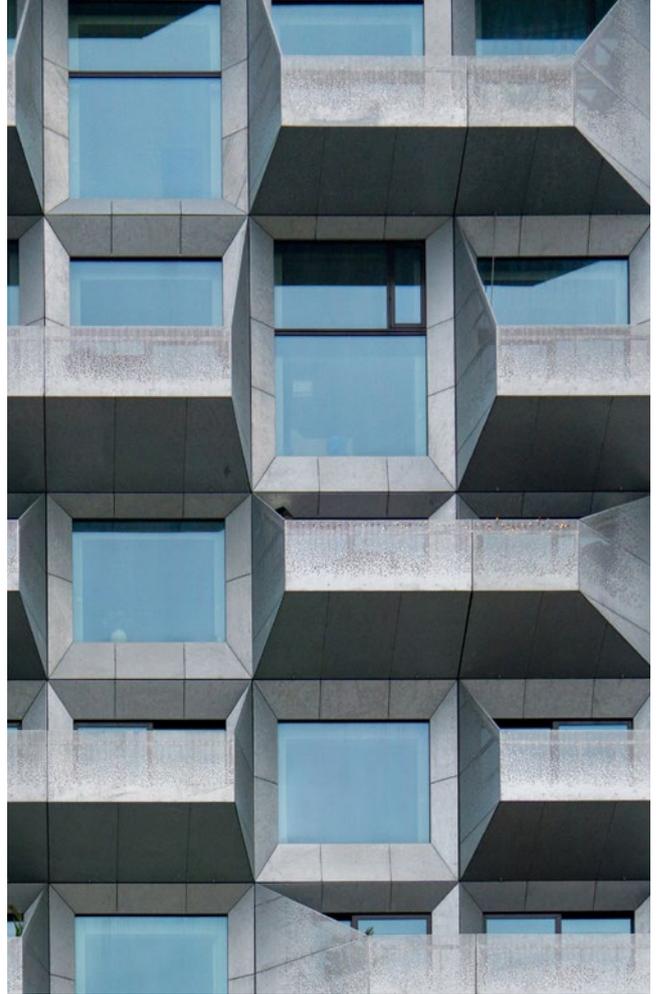ciat.org.uk/membership/benefits/additional-benefits.html

Dual membership (CIOB, RIBA, RICS)

The Institute has collaborative agreements in place with CIOB, RIBA and RICS. Members from these Institutes are eligible to join and qualify with CIAT. Please contact membership@ciat.org.uk for further information.

Case study: Simone Gray

2nd year Student
Plymouth City College, student member

Simone is a student member and works whilst studying in Devon.

Simone Gray

I currently work at Bailey Partnership (Consultants) LLP whilst attending Plymouth City College one day a week. I am in my second year of a Foundation Degree in Construction. The modules of the course cover many different aspects of the built environment from site surveying to contract administration.

In a normal working day, I undertake a variety of tasks from preparing drawings for planning, Building Regulations, tender and construction issue. These will normally be scaled and detailed accordingly. I also attend internal and external design team meetings and site progress meetings alongside colleagues and am gaining a valuable insight. I have also submitted planning and Building Regulations applications for projects and additionally providing co-ordinated information.

I am involved with CIAT locally through the Western Region aspirATion Group. I am Chair of the Group and got involved after reading about the vacancy in the *AT Weekly.* The aspirATion Group is for future and recently qualified Architectural Technology professionals and I believe is an asset to students, like myself, whilst pursuing our career.

Having the free student membership has helped me to keep up to date with news and upcoming events through *AT Weekly* and *Architectural Technology Journal*. I also find it helpful knowing I can gain advice and support from other professionals or my Institute through my career progression.

My future career aims after finishing my course will include compiling and completing my TCIAT POP Record, then once I have had more experience in the workplace and wider industry ensure that I gain sufficient knowledge and experience to complete my MCIAT POP Record.

Case study: Dr Heba Elsharkawy ACIAT

Programme Leader
University of East London
Associate member

Heba is a Senior Lecturer and Programme Leader for the BSc(Hons) Architectural Design Technology degree at the University of East London (UEL).

In my day-to-day role, I oversee the structure, content and delivery of the programme as well as lead and teach four design and research project core modules. Being trained and having worked as an architectural engineer myself, I have a real passion of seeing design projects develop from conceptual ideas to visualisation and drawings to construction on site. I immensely enjoy developing live project briefs for my students to engage in live discussions and ensure teaching is research-led and provide the students with an understanding of the state-of-the-art research in architectural science and technology.

I pursued a PhD in environmental design at the University of Nottingham and am also research active and had a successful research bid funded by the British Council Newton Institutional Links Fund. I am the principal investigator to a major research project 'Building Capacity for Sustainable Development of the Built Environment' where my research team and I work to reform and bridge the current gap between sustainability-related principles and theories, and embedding sustainable design in education, training and practice.

My membership with CIAT has helped me establish vital links with our Chartered Body which in turn supports many aspects of my Programme Leader role. CIAT has offered substantial support when applying for Accreditation in Principle for the degree. CIAT also helped facilitate several career events to students through the Greater London aspirATion Group where UEL students met their fellow Architectural Technology students from other London based universities.

I aspire to progress with my academic/research career to professorial level as well as start my own CIAT Registered Architectural Technology practice where I can apply my research and scholarship into practice. All after successfully qualifying as a Chartered Architectural Technologist.

Dr Heba Elsharkawy ACIAT

Case study:
Justin Kelly MCIAT

bptw partnership, Partner
Chartered Architectural Technologist

Justin is a Chartered
Architectural Technologist and
a Partner at bptw partnership.

I am one of nine partners at bptw partnership, an award winning CIAT
Registered design-led architectural practice based in Greenwich, London.
I am the lead Architectural Technologist and am both a Member of the
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists and a Chartered Member
of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Since joining bptw in 2002, I
have led many successful large scale residential and mixed use projects
up to planning and through to completion. I manage a large team of bptw's
Architectural Technologists and architects and, over the years, through
successful project delivery, have developed excellent relationships with
many of bptw's contractor and developer clients. I am actively involved
in business development, management and recruitment strategies within
the practice. I am regularly involved in internal and external communications
ranging from office wide presentations, CPDs and staff updates, client and
public design presentations, OJEU bid presentations and interviews to
formal presentations at Planning Committees.

Since graduating as an Architectural Technologist, I have always had a strong
desire to join CIAT and work towards Chartered Membership. I am extremely
proud to hold Chartered status for both disciplines and feel that my training
as a Technologist set me up with key technical and design skills, along with a
strong disciplined and methodical approach that has enabled me to become
successful in both design and business.

Both myself and bptw have benefited from the Chartered status as it has
enabled us to raise the profile of our Architectural Technologists and assist
and inspire them to further their careers. Additionally it has enabled us to
attract a high calibre of applicants in recent recruitment efforts.

Although not just aimed at Chartered Members, I have found the regular
technical and construction news updates from CIAT to be excellent, well
targeted, succinct and to the point. Being connected to CIAT and receiving
various news updates is a benefit to all members and something that other
qualifying bodies within the construction industry could learn from.

Justin Kelly MCIAT

Case study:
Dan Rossiter MCIAT

Senior BIM Communicator
Building Research Establishment (BRE)
Chartered Architectural Technologist

Dan is Senior BIM Communicator for the Building Research Establishment (BRE).

Dan Rossiter MCIAT

I have always been fascinated by how things work and I'm sure that is what led me into construction. My interests within Architectural Technology have been quite board, from technical detailing, indoor environments and now digital information.

I am involved in a number of organisations. For BRE, I develop and deliver our BIM related education, auditing, research, and advisory services, and represent BRE on British Standard and International Standard Committees and taskforces around BIM. I have also co-founded and am the Chief Integrity Officer for dotBuiltEnvironment, a pan-industry digital disruption group alongside Ryan Tennyson MCIAT, promoting good practice digitisation within our industry. Currently, I am also a research associate with Cardiff University, undertaking EU BIM research on individual competency. In addition, I sit on a number of committees including buildingSMART UKI's Operational Board, and G4C's National and Welsh Committees, and CIAT's BIM working group and the Regional Chairman for the Wales Region. Finally, I also have a blog 'There's no BIM Like Home' where I apply BIM Level 2 processes to my own home.

I joined CIAT because I recognised the network it would provide me to develop professionally. Following my CIAT Accredited programme at Coventry University, joining CIAT helped expose me to the industry while also providing the most streamlined route to becoming a Chartered professional. CIAT also aligned better with my own interests as I am much more science and technology focused than I am design focused.

I become a Chartered Architectural Technologist in April, 2015. The Professional Assessment only took me a few weeks to collate and complete my application. Had a very enjoyable Professional Interview and found out I was successful on the day.

Being a Chartered professional allows me to show that I have both the knowledge and experience. This is more important now that I no longer work on live projects, as it demonstrates that I know how the real world works and can relate to design and construction activities.

How do I qualify?

As a Chartered Architectural Technologist, MCIAT

To qualify as a Chartered Architectural Technologist you have two options:

OPTION 1
MCIAT Professional Assessment

This is a holistic self-assessment of your professional experience in Architectural Technology cross referenced against the *Professional Standards Framework* (PSF). The PSF defines the minimum threshold standards for all prospective Chartered Architectural Technologists and is linked to the UK Quality Assurance Agency Subject Benchmark Statement for Architectural Technology.

It covers three stages:

Stage 1	**Stage 2**	**Stage 3**
Educational Standards	Practice Standards	Professional Standards

The Professional Assessment is a flexible qualifying process for those who are suitably experienced and/or specialise within Architectural Technology. It is based around you and your experience and it is up to you to demonstrate the required level of knowledge, experience and professional competence.

Your application must be supported by a fully qualified built environment professional who acts as a Referee. Once the Educational and Practice Standards (Stages 1 and 2) have been successfully diarised in the work place and assessed by CIAT, you must then pass a Professional Standards Assessment Interview (Stage 3). At the Professional Interview, you must demonstrate to the Institute that you have the required knowledge, experience, competence and professionalism to represent the Institute as a Chartered Architectural Technologist.

For further information visit: ciat.org.uk/membership/qualifying -as-a-chartered-at/mciat-professional-assessment.html

OPTION 2
MCIAT Professional and Occupational Performance (POP) Record

The MCIAT POP Record is a three-stage assessment process (similar to the Professional Assessment) and consists of 17 knowledge and performance units providing step-by-step guidance on how to deliver, manage and procure a traditional architectural project from inception through to completion.

The POP Record sets out the knowledge, performance and professional standards which you must assess yourself against. Your POP Record must be signed off by a Supervisor who is a qualified built environment professional.

Completion of the MCIAT POP Record is diarised in the work place. Once this has been completed and assessed by CIAT, you must then pass a Professional Practice Interview.

For further information visit:
ciat.org.uk/membership/qualifying-as-a-chartered-at/the-pop-record.html

As a professionally qualified Architectural Technician, TCIAT

The TCIAT POP Record consists of 11 knowledge and performance units providing step-by-step guidance on how to deliver and support lead professionals running traditional architectural projects.

The POP Record sets out the knowledge, performance and professional standards which you must assess yourself against. Your POP Record must be signed off by a Supervisor who is a qualified built environment professional.

Completion of the TCIAT POP Record is diarised and completed in the work place with subsequent assessment by CIAT.

For further information visit:
ciat.org.uk/membership/qualifying-architectural-technician.html

Which qualifying route should you choose?

You are welcome to apply for either qualification via any of the routes outlined and you must be able to demonstrate the required standard of knowledge, experience, competence and professionalism.

The Professional Interview

The Professional Interview is the final stage of assessment if you are seeking to attain Chartered Architectural Technologist, MCIAT status. If you are seeking to attain professionally qualified Architectural Technician status, you do not attend an interview.

Full details on the Interview, along with a brief film, can be found at:
ciat.org.uk/membership/qualifying-as-a-chartered-at/professional-interview.html

For further insight into the Institute's qualifying processes, please visit our YouTube Channel and watch the qualifying in Architectural Technology films at: youtube.com/CIATechnologist

Career specialisms

The Institute has two schemes for Chartered Architectural Technologists to recognise specialisms in specific areas.

Conservation Register – CIAT-Accredited Conservationist

The CIAT Conservation Register identifies Chartered Architectural Technologists competent in the conservation of historical buildings and their surroundings. Suitability for the Register is based upon a technical assessment of a candidate's portfolio followed by a formal interview. This Register is relevant for those working in the UK, but applicants from other countries may also apply. CIAT-Accredited Conservationists are recognised by Historic England, Historic Scotland, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Cadw (the Welsh Government's historic environment service) and The Heritage Lottery fund for its members to act as lead consultants on grant/fund aided projects.
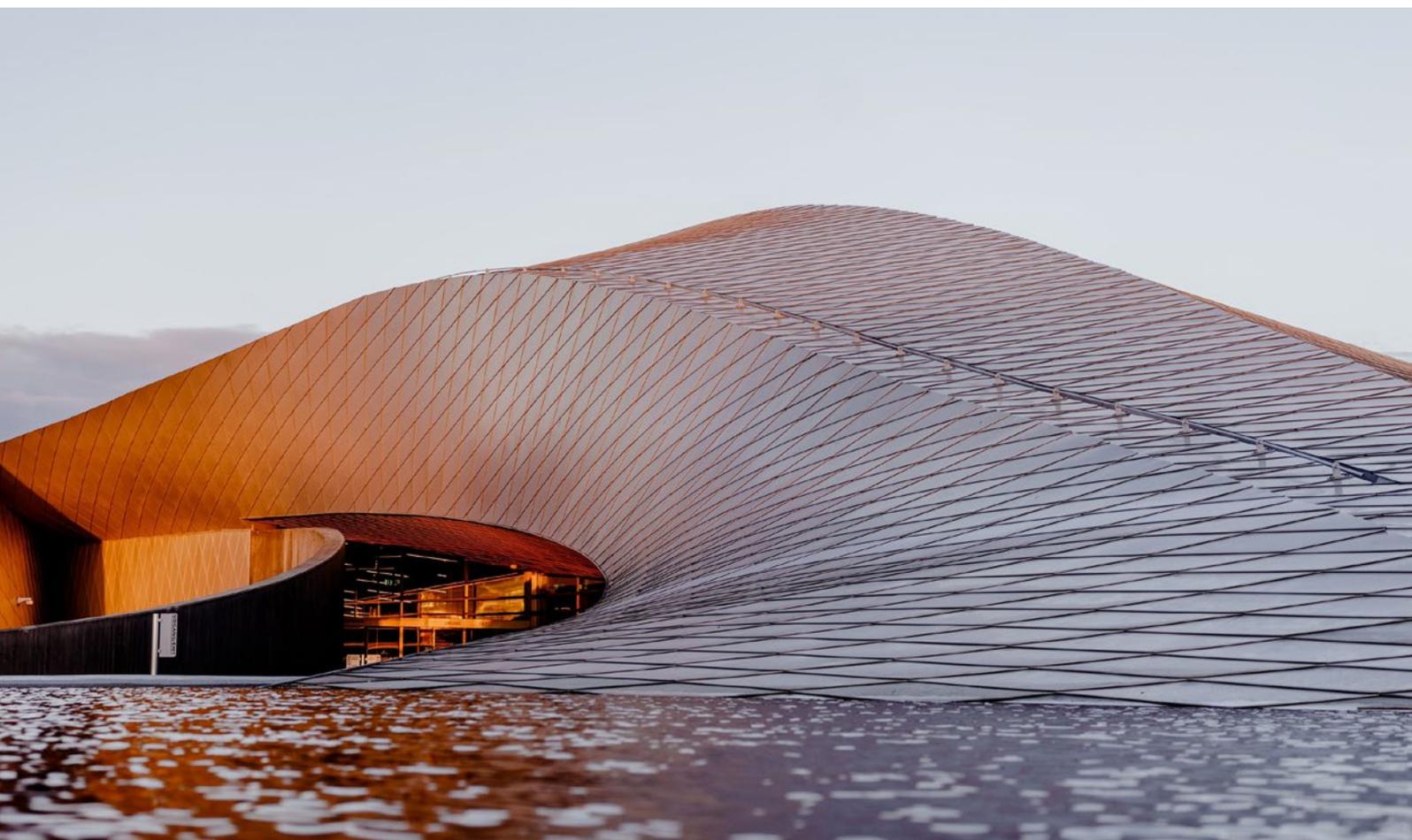
For further information please visit:
ciat.org.uk/membership/specialist-registers/conservation-register.html

Chartered Environmentalist – CEnv

As a constituent body for the Society for the Environment, CIAT is licensed to award the Chartered Environmentalist qualification to its Chartered Members. The Society for the Environment is the leading co-ordinating body in environmental matters and is a pre-eminent champion of a sustainable environment, and has registered over 9000 Chartered Environmentalists internationally. To be eligible to become a Chartered Environmentalist, applicants must be MCIAT and demonstrate relevant academic and/or professional experience. Applicants may be from any country.

For further information please visit: ciat.org.uk/membership/specialist-registers/chartered-environmentalist.html or socenv.org.uk

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