

Radiation Protection Professional Registration

What is The Radiation Protection Council?

The Radiation Protection Council is the UK's registration authority for the radiation protection profession.

It holds the national registers for Chartered Radiation Protection Professionals, Incorporated Radiation Protection Professionals and Technical Radiation Protection Professionals. It also sets the standards required for the three levels of registration and makes sure that they remain relevant and up to date. These standards mean that regulators, employers and the public can rely on the knowledge and experience of registered radiation protection professionals.

Why should our members be Registered Radiation Protection Professionals?

Professional recognition is regarded in many fields as providing evidence of competence and experience in a particular area. It will:

- Provide evidence of an individual's expertise, competence and continuing professional development
- Demonstrate professional attitude – something that will be valued by employers, customers, auditors and regulators
- Enhance status within the member's organisation and profession
- Give greater influence within the individual's organisation and industry
- Improve career prospects and employability.

What are the available levels of registration?

There are three levels of registration:

Chartered Radiation Protection Professional (CRadP) is for those individuals who provide guidance, advice and/or generate Radiation Protection standards.

- They will have extensive knowledge and responsible professional experience in the field of Radiation Protection and allied fields.
- They may be experienced certificated advisers, leaders of professional health physics teams, experienced consultants, research leaders or other similar roles.

Incorporated Radiation Protection Professional (IRadP) is for those individuals who provide guidance on Radiation Protection measures and manage or advise on applications of current or developing technology in the field of Radiation Protection and allied fields.

- They may be recently certificated advisers, members of professional health physics teams, consultants, researchers, experienced supervisors of technicians/surveyors or other similar roles.

Technical Radiation Protection Professional (TechRadP) is for those individuals who implement Radiation Protection measures and work in practical roles within the Radiation Protection industry.

- They will routinely apply established techniques and procedures to the solution of practical problems in Radiation Protection and allied fields.
- They may work in various diverse aspects of ionising and non-ionising Radiation Protection, and include health physics staff, X-ray and dosimetry technicians, laser and EMF safety officers.

How do our members apply for Professional Registration?

The Radiation Protection Council licenses Professional Bodies to admit their members to its Registers of radiation protection professionals.

Individuals can only apply for professional registration by one of the following routes:

- Through applying to an organisation which has become a licensee, or,
- through an organisation that has become a Professional Affiliate of RPC.

How does becoming a Licensee benefit our organisation?

Becoming a Licensee will:

- Enable your members to gain professional recognition in the field of radiation protection, thus demonstrating their expertise and professional behaviour.
- Provide an additional benefit to members that may encourage people to join.
- Ensures your organisation plays an increased role in setting and maintaining standards of competence of radiation protection professionals through a representative on the RPC.

How does our organisation become a Licensee of The Radiation Protection Council?

Applications must be made to the RPC to become a Licensee by demonstrating how the organisation will assess applicants against the [Professional Registration Standards](#), audit the CPD of applicants and providing evidence of the necessary procedures e.g. code of conduct.

- Further information on applying to become a licensee are available [here](#).
- Licensee fees and number of seats on the RPC will be linked to the number of registrants.

Where do I find out further information about our organisation becoming a Professional Affiliate (PA)?

Further information on the route for an organisation to apply to be a PA of RPC is available from the Radiation Protection Council admin@ukrpc.org.uk

In summary, the arrangements for an organisation / association to become a PA are as set out below:

PAs may be established both nationally and internationally and any organisation wishing to apply to be a PA through the RPC must be able to demonstrate they meet a minimum set of requirements, regarding their organisation, standards of conduct etc.

Once a PA has been approved by the RPC:

- A nominated representative of each PA shall be entitled to attend RPC meetings, but they will not have any entitlement to vote on any points of discussion.
- The PA may enter into a formal agreement with an RPC Licensee. This agreement allows the PA the opportunity to offer a route to registration for its members via the agreement with an RPC Licensee. Any agreement reached between the RPC Licensee and the PA must be endorsed by the RPC.

Where can I find further information about The Radiation Protection Council and Radiation Protection Professional Registration?

[Radiation Protection Council website](#)