

REGISTERED LIGHTING PRACTITIONER APPLICATION GUIDE

This guide is designed to give information on RLP and to help you in correctly filling in the Registered Lighting Practitioner application form.

The purpose of establishing this new qualification is to recognise that those members achieving the grade of RLP have been evaluated by their peers and are accepted as upholding high standards of lighting design practice. It is also expected that those outside the lighting industry will come to realise and recognise that persons holding this qualification can be expected to provide lighting designs of a high standard.

RLP is an additional qualification to recognise those members of the Society who:

1. Regularly practise lighting design at a high level of performance and who maintain those high standards by undertaking Continuing Professional Development activities.
2. Adhere at all times to the published Code of Ethics of the Society.
3. In the event of a dispute about the professional activities of an RLP member, agree to follow the procedure laid down in the applicable clauses in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.

It is emphasised that RLP is in addition to, and does not replace the FIES or MIES status of the member.

Application for RLP is open to Society members who hold the grade of FIES or MIES and is dependent upon undertaking regular CPD as defined and published from time to time by the Society and on remaining a financial member within the definition laid down by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.

In order that the evaluating committee may make a correct assessment of your application you should ensure that all relevant and necessary information is included in your application. Your referees should be people who have a **personal** knowledge of all or some of the Lighting Design projects mentioned in parts 3 and 4 on the application form. It is your responsibility to ensure that your referees return all necessary documentation to the Secretary in your Chapter as soon as it is completed.

RLP is open to all FIES and MIES members of the Society. However it is expected that the grade of RLP will mainly apply to those whose major business activity is the practice of lighting design. In assessing the eligibility of members, the Society will seek evidence that the applicant has participated in the full process of the lighting design, including, (but not limited to), consultation with the client and active involvement in the overall design of the lighting project. Solely providing computer-aided design layouts as an aid to sales would not be regarded as showing proof of the standard of lighting design necessary to attain RLP.

It is accepted that some form of specialisation in particular aspects of lighting design may occur with some applicants. It is not essential for you to have expertise, or practise in every segment of lighting design. For example, a person may be highly skilled in design for many types of interiors, but not in sports lighting, roadway lighting or entertainment lighting. (The converse may also apply). The essential prerequisite for RLP is that the person should be skilled and experienced in their particular field of lighting design activity and have achieved recognition in his/her segment of the industry.

Upon receipt by the Chapter Secretary of all correctly completed documentation, your application will in the first instance be assessed by the Status and Qualifications committee in your Chapter. If this committee supports your application, it will be forwarded to the RLP Committee of the Society for processing.

Applicants who are not satisfied with the decision of either the Chapter Status and Qualifications Committee or the RLP Committee may appeal to the Board, which will review the original application and advise the applicant of its decision.

All successful applicants will receive a Certificate of Registration identifying their RLP status and shall be entitled to use the postnominal RLP after FIES or MIES, as appropriate, on their business cards and other documents.

An annual fee of \$75 is payable by all members who obtain the grade of RLP. This is in addition to any fees or subscription already payable by the member to the Society.

To retain the grade of Registered Lighting Practitioner there is a requirement that you undertake regular Continuing Professional Development. Details of the current CPD requirements are shown in the attached CPD Guide.