

REGULATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP AND CHARTERED MEMBERSHIP OF THE TEXTILE INSTITUTE

These Regulations were issued on 28 March 1984 and revised on 31 October 1990, 25 March 1995, 29 March 1996, 5 July 2011, 4 October 2016 and 30 March 2017 by order of the Institute's International governing Council, which is the sole authority for awarding the Associateship. The Council vests responsibility for making recommendations concerning the award of Fellowship in the Professional Qualifications Committee, which consists of Chartered Members of the Institute from a wide range of industrial, academic and research organisations.

Fellowship is covered by the European Union's First Qualifications Directive (89/48/EEC)

Regulation 1: Membership

An applicant for Fellowship of The Textile Institute must be a member of The Textile Institute.

Retention of the Fellowship is contingent upon remaining a member of The Textile Institute

Regulation 2: Depth of Knowledge

An applicant who is not already an Associate must provide evidence of having fulfilled the requirements for Associateship (see Regulations for Associateship and Chartered Membership of The Textile Institute)

Regulation 3: Personal Contribution

An applicant for the Fellowship must satisfy the Professional Qualifications Committee that he/she has made a major personal creative contribution to one of the following:

- An industrial or commercial operation or organisation within the textile industry in a way that has a specific textile connotation
- The advancement of textile knowledge through research, normally shown by publications
- The advancement of textile technology in practice, as shown by developments in machinery, process or products
- Textile design
- Textile education, training or communication

The evidence submitted may include any document or collection of textile materials or products, whether specially prepared for the application or not, provided that the purpose of its submission is made clear in the accompanying notes. If no such material is submitted, the account of the applicant's achievement must be full enough to allow the Professional Qualifications Committee to make an assessment of the applicant's personal contribution.

It should be noted that merely holding a senior position in industry or commerce is of itself insufficient evidence of appropriate achievement.

In cases of confidentiality, applicants should indicate the extent to which the circulation of supporting

material (not application forms) should be restricted. Where adequate reasons are given for such requests, it should normally be possible to arrange for it to be reviewed by one member of the Committee only.

Regulation 4: Application and Fees

Applicants must complete the FTI application form supplied by The Textile Institute and return it with the appropriate application fee and copies of any certificates providing evidence of having attained the level of knowledge required under Regulation 2 and any supporting documents under Regulation 3.

The Institute reserves the right to seek verification of an applicant's qualifications.

Successful applicants will also be required to pay the prescribed registration fee. (Note: fees, which are listed on a separate sheet, cover administrative costs and are not refundable.)

Regulation 5: Referees

Applicants must give the name of three people who would be prepared to act as confidential referees. They should preferably be Chartered Members of the Institute and if possible Fellows.

Regulation 6: Interview

An applicant for the award of Fellowships may be required to attend an interview with a panel of Chartered members appointed by the Institute. Arrangements will be made wherever possible for candidates to be interviewed in their home country.

Regulation 7: Issue of the Fellowship Certificate

A certificate of Fellowship is prepared after the prescribed fees have been paid. Fellows are entitled to describe themselves as Chartered members of The Textile Institute and to use the designatory letters **CText FTI** after their name.

Notes

1. Attainment Criteria

The relevance of academic, industrial or commercial attainment will be judged according to the extent that it involves the application of professional skills in natural sciences, engineering, management sciences, design relating to production methods, materials or product performance, or the commercial or industrial operation of the textiles manufacturing or distribution industry.

Committee work within or outside The Textile Institute is not a factor for consideration.

Continuing professional development (CPD) activity may be used to support an application but does not in itself give entitlement to an award.