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T LEVEL SCIENCE: HOW PROFESSIONAL BODIES CAN HELP YOU SUCCEED

SUPPORTING YOUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



WHAT IS A PROFESSIONAL BODY AND ITS' ROLE?

A professional body is an organisation that represents a specific profession, industry or occupation.

Its' role includes supporting the professional development of its members and serving as a voice for the profession.

Professional bodies play an important role in ensuring the continuous learning within a particular field, offering networking opportunities, resources and support for continuous professional development. They may also act as a lobbying force to influence policy and regulation related to the profession.

They will represent their members when influencing government to make changes to policy, when needed.

Why should you consider joining a professional body?

It enables you to access wider professional development activities and resources to support your progress as your career develops. As a member, you can:

- ✓ Opportunities to meet people working in science and build new professional connections in the industry.
- ✓ Engage with a wider network of employers and industry experts.
- ✓ Gain access to research, resources and information that can enhance your education, apprenticeship and employment development.
- ✓ Support your next steps destination with tailored CV and interview preparation and access to job listings.
- ✓ Discounts on products and services.





FEATURES OF PROFESSIONAL BODY MEMBERSHIP

As a member of a professional body, you may have access to:

- ✓ In-person conferences and networking events.
- ✓ Webinars and workshops.
- ✓ Forums and special interest groups.
- ✓ Articles, publications, journals, newsletters, and membership magazines.
- ✓ Guidance in continuous professional development.
- ✓ Training courses in both technical & soft skills.
- ✓ Mentoring.
- ✓ Support for professional registration applications.

Professional body membership is consistent, so will still be there to provide support to you after leaving college, and at every step of your career journey.

AS A T LEVEL SCIENCE STUDENT, WHICH PROFESSIONAL BODY MEMBERSHIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

These 16 licensed member bodies hold Science Council membership and can award professional registration of Registered Science Technician (RSciTech) status to its members.

They represent a range of professions, and each will have a range of benefits to offer its members. You could opt for a professional body that focuses on one scientific discipline, or an industry sector, or the type of employment or skills you wish to pursue in your career. You can be a member of more than one professional body too.

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PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

The Science Council recognises excellence in the practice of science by awarding **Registered Science Technician (RSciTech)** to experienced technical scientists. The RSciTech professional award has been developed to incorporate the key professional attributes valued by employers; it is a quality mark that demonstrates commitment to the highest standards in the practice of science.

Registration is a means of demonstrating professionalism, providing independent recognition of an individuals' achievements and maintaining the standards required to join the global community of professional scientists.

We recognise that T Level Science provides experience and learning that links well to the registration requirements. We have created a T Level Professional Competence Log to enable you to get a head start on your path towards RSciTech status. You can download this from the website link below.

For more information on the support available as a T Level Science learner, please visit:

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HOW CAN WE SUPPORT YOU?

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