

## Authorising Engineer (Water) - Overview

### Introduction

IHEEM maintains a register of Authorising Engineers (Water), the purpose of which is to:

- To establish a register of suitably qualified and experienced professionals.
- To promote the Register to the healthcare community, who will be able to appoint professionals who have been assessed by a peer review to be able to fulfil the role of AE(W).

### Why Should I join?

Among the key benefits of the Register are:

- The Register of AEs(W) comprises a group of like-minded professionals. Healthcare organisations are able to see that these personnel have been through a peer review process – providing a level of assurance on the competency of individuals to fulfil the requirements of an AE.
- The Register is professionally acknowledged in the wider estates and facilities management and infection control communities.
- The AE(W) Register makes a significant contribution to raising industry standards for water hygiene and statutory (building) legal compliance.
- The Register is published on the IHEEM website, in Health Estate Journal, and at the IHEEM conference and exhibition. Registered AE(W) are able to use the IHEEM AE logo on all correspondence

### Professional Review

#### The IHEEM AE(W) Peer Review Panel

Registration will be conducted by a Peer Review Panel constituted by the AE(W) Registration Board and will comprise:

- A Panel Chair.
- Two registered AE(W)s.

Representatives from England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland NHS bodies may be invited to act as advisors to the Board, with other professional bodies to be invited as observers.

The Peer Review will consist of:

- Scrutiny of the Application Form.
- Scrutiny of the submission by the applicant of a written Practice Report in the prescribed format, outlining the experience and type of work carried out.
- Scrutiny of the applicant's CPD log.
- Interview by the Panel.

## **The Interview**

Your review will be treated as confidential by the Institute and the interviewers. However, it is your responsibility to obtain from your employer any clearance required under the Official Secrets Act or any other restriction placed on you by your employer. Whilst the Act and the need for commercial confidence will be respected by the interviewers, the interview panel will probe sufficiently to obtain satisfactory answers to demonstrate your general and specialist knowledge of water operational and safety matters.

Although time constraints will not allow the interviewers to visit all topics, the interview will be based on some of the following:

1. Exercising impartial technical judgement at an appropriate level. What are your precise current or most recent responsibilities?
2. Understanding of, and involvement in, financial and commercial considerations.
3. Keeping abreast of changing technology, standards and legislation.
4. Demonstrating an awareness of processes other than your areas of specialisation.
5. Discussion of a recent project or piece of work in which you were personally involved. This could be accompanied by brief and limited documentation.
6. Your communication skills.

## **Making an Application**

### **How do I join?**

Please read the enclosed registration requirements document, if you feel that you meet the criteria then please complete and return the application form, supporting practice report and CPD log via post or email to: the Registration Board Secretary ([membership@iheem.org.uk](mailto:membership@iheem.org.uk)) IHEEM, 2 Abingdon House Cumberland Business Centre, Northumberland Road, Southsea, PO5 1DS

### **What happens next?**

Once your application has been received, it will be reviewed by the AE(W) Registration Board and if you are deemed to be eligible you will then be invited to an interview with the AE(W) Peer Review Panel. The Panel Secretary may also be present at the interview.