

Professional bodies

What is a profession?

- Profession – specially trained job
Engineers
Doctors
Lawyers
- IT also can be considered as a profession

How to become a professional ?

- Need to be a graduate in the particular area.
- Gain the required training and experience.

Problems to be faced ?

- What is the standard of the degree ?

It can be a local institute award degree.

It can be a local institute award a foreign degree.

It can be a foreign degree obtain in overseas.

- We need an independent body to check the standard of the degree.

- After you obtained the degree you can get a job in the industry.
- The technology is changing very fast. How you can update your knowledge?
- We need a body to support you.

- A professional is practicing in unethical manner. Who will take an action against him?
- We need a body to take action against him.

Professional body

- Non commercial organization – not for profit
- Members will drive the organization.
- Funded by the members by subscribing an annual membership fee.
- Normally a Council is appointed by the members annually.
By an election. Among them a president is appointed.
- Separate staff is doing the administrative functions. Council takes the policy decisions.

What are the main functions of a professional body ?

- Maintain the standards of the profession
 - Educational standards
 - Industrial standards
- Support members to update their knowledge. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
 - Training
 - Seminars
 - Conferences
 - Professional discussions
 - Webinars
 - Journals / News Letters / Research papers

Membership categories

- Student member
- Associate member
- Member
- Senior Member
- Fellow

Example of Professional bodies

- British Computer Society (BCS)
- Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL)
- Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL)

IESL Membership categories

- Student
- Affiliate
- Associate
- Corporate
- Fellow

How to become a student member?

- You have to follow an engineering degree.
- Submit an application recommended by two members.

How to become an Associate Member?

- Shall have a full time four year engineering degree recognized by IESL or equivalent.

What is an IESL recognized degree ?

They published the required standards.

https://iesl.lk/images/pdf/manual_for_recognition_of_four_year_engineering_degrees_conducted_in_Sri_lanka.pdf

- If you have an IESL recognized four year engineering degree you can submit an application with recommendation of few members.

What is the advantage of having professional bodies?

- They screen the qualifications
- No use of non-standard (low quality) degrees
- They conduct CPD programmes.
- Maintain the industrial standards.
- Maintain the ethics of the members.

How to maintain the ethics ?

- Code of Conduct
- Code of ethics

BCS

Computer Society of Sri Lanka