



PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

LTI

INFORMATION SHEET AND REGULATIONS FOR LICENTIATESHIP OF THE TEXTILE INSTITUTE

What is a Professional Qualification?

Many people have accomplished professional achievements and contributions that are not recognised through academic qualifications alone. The attainment of a professional qualification is the clearest way of demonstrating possession of a sound knowledge of the industry and a high standard of professional competence.

TI professional qualifications are held by men and women of distinction in industry and commerce throughout the world. The qualifications are acknowledged by many national governments, as well as by employers. They affirm that the holder has proved his/her ability to practise in addition to having academic knowledge of their subject.

What is Licentiateship?

The Licentiateship is a professional qualification awarded to members who have a good level of knowledge or expertise in one specialist textile area and a general awareness of textiles in related areas, or who have a broad general knowledge of textiles, together in either case with sufficient professional experience, as detailed in these Regulations.

This prestigious award is valued because it :

- recognises work-related competence, integrity and expertise at a professional level;
- facilitates public recognition of the holder's worth;
- acknowledges achievement of a recognised international standard;
- entitles holders to use the letters LTI after their names.

Other TI Professional Qualifications

There are two other Textile Institute Professional Qualifications:

Associateship awarded to members who have a high level of knowledge in one specialist textile area and a broad general knowledge across related textile areas, together with relevant professional experience

Fellowship awarded to members who fulfil the requirements for Associateship and who have also made a major personal creative contribution to an aspect of the textile industries.

The Scope of the Textile Institute

The Textile Institute is an international organization with some 6000 individual members in over 90 countries and spanning every sector and occupation relating to fibres and their uses.

The Textile Institute's scope includes all those who contribute in any way (including those supplying educational or training services, machinery or auxiliaries) to:

- the design, production, dyeing or finishing of fibres of all types
- textile films
- yarns
- textile dyeing and finishing
- woven, knitted and nonwoven fabrics
- cordage and braids
- clothing
- footwear
- household textiles
- floorcoverings made from fibres, textile films, yarns and fabrics
- geotextiles
- medical engineering, structural and other technical textiles
- all other products made from fabric or other textile materials

Regulations

These Regulations were issued on 28 March 1984 and revised on 31 October 1990, 25 March 1995, 29 March 1996 and 13 March 2003 by order of the Institute's International governing Council, which is the sole authority for awarding the Licentiatehip. The Council vests responsibility for making recommendations concerning the award of Licentiatehip in the Diplomas Committee, which consists of Chartered Members of the Institute from a wide range of industrial, academic and research organizations.

Regulation 1: Membership

An applicant for the Licentiatehip of the Textile Institute must be a member of the Institute.

Retention of the Licentiatehip is contingent upon remaining in membership

Regulation 2: Depth of Knowledge

Applicants must provide evidence of having attained the required level of knowledge in accordance with one of the following routes:

- (a) have passed the prescribed LTI examinations;
- (b) hold a degree or higher diploma accredited for LTI;
- (c) hold the LCFI qualification (**see Note 1**) or an appropriate degree or higher diploma in a relevant discipline, and have specialist knowledge in one area of textiles and a general awareness of textiles in related areas, i.e. upstream and downstream from specialism, or alternatively, have a broad general knowledge of textiles;
- (d) have specialist knowledge in one area of textiles and a general awareness of textiles in related areas, i.e. upstream and downstream from specialism, or alternatively, have a broad general knowledge of textiles.

Regulation 3: Period of Professional Experience

Applicants using route (a) must have at least two years' relevant experience.

Applicants using route (b) must have at least two years' cumulative relevant experience or one year's relevant experience following graduation from the accredited course. In the case of accredited 'sandwich' courses, which incorporate work placement, this period is reduced to six months.

Applicants using route (c) must have at least two years' relevant experience.

Applicants using route (d) must have at least five years' relevant experience.

Regulation 4: Application and Fees

Applicants must complete the LTI 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.

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 a senior work colleague who will be approached for a reference.

Applicants using routes (c) and (d) must also give the names of two other people who would be prepared to act as confidential referees. They should preferably be Licentiates, Associates or Fellows of the Institute and must not be current work colleagues.

Regulation 6: Interview

An applicant for the award of Licentiatehip 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 Licentiatehip Certificate

A certificate of Licentiatehip is prepared after the prescribed fees have been paid. Licentiates are entitled to use the designatory letters **LTI** after their name.

Notes

1. LCFI Holders

A special application form is available for holders of the Licentiatehip of the Clothing and Footwear Institute. In addition, LCFI holders who were members of the CFI on 31 December 1992 and who have continued in membership of the Textile Institute, will not be required to pay application or registration fees when applying for LTI.

2. 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.

3. Related documents

The following documents are available:

Fees for Fellowship, Associateship and Licentiatehip applications

Qualifications accredited for Associateship and Licentiatehip of the Textile Institute

Professional Code of Conduct

Charter and Bye-laws

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