



## Professional Development Report

Application for Registration as a Chartered Marine Scientist

### Instructions

Please complete this form in its entirety and upload online at [www.mtsociety.org](http://www.mtsociety.org) as part of your complete application. You may complete the Professional Development Report on a separate document.

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(Complete the information below and upload with your application)

## Personal Details

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Qualifications (most recent first)

## Career Overview – Positions Held (you may attach your resume for overflow)

## Career Overview – Introduction

**Note:** If you do not possess the requisite academic qualifications, you may submit the Career Appraisal Form to demonstrate that your experiential learning rises to the level of this standard. Visit our website for more information.

**A1**

Demonstrate how you use knowledge, experience, skills, and broader scientific understanding to optimize the application of existing and emerging science and technology.

You should provide sufficient detail here to show your deep understanding of your specialist scientific subject and how you have applied it. Further to this, include any examples of where your broader scientific understanding is applied to your area of practice.

Examples could include but are not limited to:

- Writing and presenting internal papers, reports, or standards
- Conducting appropriate research to facilitate design and development of scientific processes
- Writing primary journal articles and patents

A2

Exercise sound judgement and understand principles of uncertainty in complex and unpredictable situations.

This competence is asking you to identify and be aware of the limit of your own knowledge and professional competence, to demonstrate an ability to manage your own strengths and weaknesses and to recognize the level of risk attached to your actions. Examples could include but are not limited to:

- When you have reacted and dealt with an unexpected outcome
- When you have approached a piece of work or project flexibly and in a novel or different way or reacted to an unexpected outcome

A3

Demonstrate critical evaluation of relevant scientific information and concepts to propose solutions to problems.

You should think of this competence in terms of selecting the best methodology, the subsequent data analysis, evaluations, and conclusions you draw and how you overcome any barriers or issues. Examples could include but are not limited to:

- Engaging in experimental design and testing
- Reviewing relevant literature, databases, manuals, or designs
- Statistical analysis and numerical modelling.

**B1**

Work autonomously and take responsibility for the work of self and others.

It is important for this competency to ensure you describe your contribution, responsibility, and impact on a certain task or project and make it clear what you personally have achieved, i.e., "I" not "we". In formulating your answers and giving relevant examples, you should consider the following:

- You will be expected to undertake your work without day-to-day supervision and so you should demonstrate that you are able to achieve this
- You should demonstrate your understanding of when you may need to seek guidance from others and how you would obtain this guidance
- If you are responsible for managing the work of others, you should clearly describe how you discharge those responsibilities

**B2**

Promote, implement, and take responsibility for robust policies and protocols relating to health, safety, and sustainability.

You should demonstrate that you understand the policies and protocols related to health, safety and sustainability that apply to the work you are undertaking giving examples where you have implemented and promoted them and describe any responsibilities that you have related to this. In formulating your answers, you should consider the following:

- Demonstrate that you know where these policies and protocols are documented, and that you are able to apply them in your practice
- How your work contributes to the update and development of your departments/organizations policies and procedures
- How you "promote" the awareness and application of these policies and protocols with others, especially peers and more junior colleagues

**B3**

Promote and ensure compliance with all relevant regulatory requirements and quality standards.

You should demonstrate that you understand which regulatory requirements and quality standards apply to your area of work including data integrity and privacy. In formulating your answers and giving examples, you should consider the following:

- Describe what you do to ensure that these requirements and standards are being followed for those activities for which you are responsible
- Describe how you "promote" the awareness of regulatory requirements and quality standards amongst peers and more junior colleagues
- Describe how you safely store and handle data in line with national and international data protection and cyber security regulations



**B4**

Oversee the implementation of solutions and demonstrate an understanding of potential and actual impacts of your work on your organization, on the profession, and on the wider community.

You should demonstrate an understanding of the potential and actual impacts of your work on your organization, on the profession, on the general public and on the physical environment. Examples could include but are not limited to:

- Indicating that you are aware of the sensitivity of your work and show how this understanding translates into the ways in which you carry out your work
- Showing an awareness of how your profession is portrayed and viewed by the public at large, and how you take responsibility for recognizing this in the work you do
- Describing how you seek to avoid reputational damage related to the work you carry out
- Explaining how you set a good example to others in the way you discharge the responsibilities related to the work you undertake and the benefits to the organization

C1

Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively with specialist and non-specialist audiences.

A non-specialist audience is anyone working outside of your area of expertise, so it would not necessarily be a non-scientist. Your example[s] should indicate how you have communicated in a way that is effective to each type of audience. In formulating your answers, you should consider the following:

- Not just the content of the message but also the mode or style of delivery that is adapted according to the audience
- The feedback loop to gauge the understanding and improve future communications

C2

Demonstrate effective leadership through the ability to guide, influence, inspire, and empathize with others.

This competence is about understanding your leadership skills and is not reserved for those in management roles, it is applicable to all. Examples could include but are not limited to:

- Experiences of mentoring or coaching you have had; you should consider how effective this was and the overall impact
- Considering when you have managed change within your organization or overseen the implementation of any new processes; you should consider how effective this was and the overall impact

C3

Demonstrate the ability to mediate, develop, and maintain positive working relationships.

You should describe or define the "working relationship" and provide at least one example which focuses on your handling of a challenging interpersonal situation and demonstrates your ability to mediate and achieve a positive outcome. You should consider how through your approach you have changed or modified the behavior or attitudes of others to positive effect. Examples could include but are not limited to:

- How you have managed the merger or integration of different teams
- Managing working relationships across different departments or organizations
- Interactions with committees, working groups or other professional body activities
- How you have managed and resolved a difficult relationship situation between members of a team for which you are responsible

**D1**

Demonstrate how you scope and plan and manage projects.

Describe an example where you have developed a project scope with clearly defined boundaries and project plans. Any problem-solving techniques used should be highlighted along with potential benefits of the project to the business. You should make it clear the level of autonomy you had while working on the project, especially when the project is large covering multiple areas and a significant time span. You should show how you contributed to determining the resulting courses of action. Examples could include but are not limited to:

- Lead an operational project utilizing resources across several disciplines
- A change management project aligning processes across sites
- An industry-wide project establishing guidance on technical standards and requirements

**D2**

Demonstrate the achievement of desired outcomes with the effective management of resources and risks.

Using projects with which you have been involved as examples you should describe your roles and responsibilities in managing the activities to achieve the desired outcomes. Examples could include but are not limited to:

- Identifying the resources [people and/or money] needed to undertake the activities
- Monitoring and surveillance of the progress of the activities
- Identification, evaluation, and implementation of changes that may be needed to ensure the activities are successfully completed
- Identification and management of risks that could impact on the successful completion of the activities.

### D3

Take responsibility for continuous improvement within a scientific or technical environment.

Your examples should indicate what actions you take to make improvements to your organization as a whole. This could be through encouraging the continuous development of junior staff or through improvements to processes within the organization.

Examples could include but are not limited to:

- Evaluation of the performance of specialist methods and tools used
- Development of recommendations for future enhancements or modifications to procedures or working practices to achieve performance improvements
- Description of examples where your actions have led to performance improvement by yourself or others
- Identification of lessons learned from activities undertaken by yourself or by others for whom you are responsible, such as what went well, went badly or was lacking

**E1**  
Comply with and promote relevant codes of conduct and practice.

You should provide comprehensive examples of how you have applied and promoted the codes of conduct under which you practice and the outcome.

Examples you may wish to include but are not limited to equality, diversity and inclusion, reliability and integrity, and ethical practices.



E2

Demonstrate a commitment to professional development through continuing advancement of your own knowledge, understanding, and competence.

Your answer should provide specific examples of what you have already done in terms of continuing professional development [CPD] and your plans for the coming year. In your examples you must describe how your engagement in CPD has benefited your practice and the users of your work and reflect on its impact. Examples can be taken from any of the five categories of activity [work-based learning, professional activity, formal/educational, self-directed learning, and other].

- Application of knowledge acquired on an external course that has benefitted the business - how you acquired the knowledge of a new technology and how you planned, implemented, and reviewed its success in your organization
- Your work to promote careers in the STEM area including the design of materials and reflection on success

We are not looking for a list of courses here but evidence of how your CPD benefits your practice and benefits others.

## Professional Development Activities

### ***Professional Membership***

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### ***Key Professional Development Activities***

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### ***Management and Leadership***

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### ***Conferences***

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### ***Selected Recent Published Papers***

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## Overflow / Commentary

Please list any additional information or overflow information from competency requirements in this section.