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Assessment of Professional Development Scheme

This note provides information on the CIEH's new Assessment of Professional Development (APD) scheme.

The APD scheme was introduced on 1 January 2006, as a replacement for the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) scheme.

While each scheme assesses professional skills and development, the CIEH does not endorse their sole use for appraisal and progression in the workplace, as neither include evidence of all aspects of work performance.

Full detail of the new APD scheme is available on the careers and development section of the CIEH website www.cieh.org

The key differences in the two schemes are outlined below:

| | APC | APD |
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| Active dates | 1990 – 1 December 2005 | Commenced 1 January 2006 |
| Process | 1 part - consisting of Case Study and professional practice summary, and interview- all assessed against seven skill domains | 2 parts 1. Assessment of case study material assessed against 7 skill domains (no interview). 2. Submission of a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate 5 attributes followed by an interview to discuss portfolio. Interview includes a presentation. (Part 2 cannot be taken without having passed Part 1). |
| Timescales | Application at least two months before fixed interview dates. Result provided within 21 days | Part 1 – Application anytime - result normally provided within 3 calendar months Part 2 Application at least two months in advance of fixed interview dates. Result provided within 21 days |
| Level | 2 years post qualification practice | 5 years post qualification practice |
| Application criteria | 2 years post qualification practice (with some exemptions), and in membership | Qualified, and must be in membership |
| On successful outcome | APC Certificate, and transferred to voting membership (if in graduate membership). Access to apply for Chartered Status. (after 5 years professional practice and 1 year post APC) | Part 1 gives a graduate member voting membership. Part 2 – permits application for Chartered Status (after 5 years professional practice in most cases) |
| Chartered Status requirements | Application is voluntary, and must be supported by 3 year's CIEH membership and CPD records. Chartered EHPs are also required to undertake 30 hours CPD each year - Graduate and Voting members are required to undertake 20 hours CPD each year. | |