Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner Programme FAQs

How do I find out more about the programme?
All relevant information about the programme has been released onto the CIEH website. Please read the programme specification and accompanying documents.

If you are an employer interested in engaging in the programme, our team of network and key account managers would be happy to provide further information. If you would like to request a visit, or to discuss the programme, please contact us at info@cieh.org.

Can the programme be undertaken by a practitioner outside the UK?
Yes, anyone who meets the programme requirements can enrol.

How often does the programme run?
Currently CIEH runs two intakes a year, one starting in April and the other in September.

Can I complete the programme in less than two years?
No, only those enrolled on to the programme through the conversion route can gain duration exemption.
I am a member of CIEH and am currently working on a CIEH accredited degree, can I still enrol on the Chartered Programme?

You may enrol on the Chartered Programme provided you have the support of an employer and will be completing the taught element of your university course within one year of enrolling on the programme. You will need to complete the taught element before you will be given access to the Application block on the Chartered Programme. You must have been awarded your degree before undertaking the Professionalism in Practice Assessment and being granted Chartered Status.

Programme content questions

Will I be fully qualified in all five technical disciplines after completing the Chartered Programme?

CIEH considers practitioners ‘fully qualified’ after they have completed the chartered programme. But CIEH has found that employers increasingly want to have employees with more specialised knowledge, and to facilitate that, we have designed the programme so that while practitioners learn about all five technical disciplines in the Knowledge block, they are able to narrow their focus to two technical disciplines in the Application block.

Will independent environmental health consultants be able to participate in the Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner Programme?

Yes. CIEH values the diverse nature of the profession and has created an alternative pathway for independent consultants who will be required to meet the following criteria:

- Member grade
- Five years’ experience since gaining the EHRB Certificate of Registration OR 10 years’ experience after passing a CIEH accredited degree
- 60 hours of CPD within the last three years
- A letter of support from either a chartered member or a recent employer or client

They will also need to complete the following parts of the programme:

- Completion of the workplace project from the Application block
- Completion of the Professionalism block
- Completion of the Professionalism in Practice Assessment.

What does the £1150 fee include?

The programme cost includes induction/registration fees for both years, on-programme administration fees, supporting materials, assessment and ratification and certification of Chartered Status. University tuition fees incurred while completing the Knowledge block and optional workshops in the Professionalism block are not included in the price.