

CEI Advanced Practitioner Member

Frequently Asked Questions

What is CEI Advanced Practitioner Membership?

CEI Advanced Practitioner Membership recognises experienced professionals who have developed a practical understanding of circular economy principles and can apply them within their field of work. It represents an intermediate level of expertise and demonstrates your ability to integrate circular economy strategies into decision-making, support organisational change and contribute to innovation projects.

Who is CEI Advanced Practitioner Membership for?

This membership grade is designed for professionals who are actively implementing circular solutions in their work. It is ideal for those with at least three years of experience in the circular economy and who have completed the CEI Practitioner course or equivalent training.

What are the criteria for becoming a CEI Advanced Practitioner Member?

To become a CEI Advanced Practitioner Member, you must demonstrate:

- Achievement of the CEI Practitioner course or demonstrable equivalent
- Three years of knowledge, expertise and experience in relation to the circular economy
- A commitment to maintaining continuing professional development (CPD)

How much does CEI Advanced Practitioner Membership cost?

The annual membership fee for CEI Advanced Practitioner Members is £99 + VAT. CIWM professional members (Associate, Technical, Chartered, or Fellow) receive a 50% discount, paying £49.50 + VAT.

How do I apply for CEI Advanced Practitioner Membership?

To apply, you need to:

- Complete the application form
- Sign a declaration confirming you will comply with the CEI Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct
- Submit your CV demonstrating your competence, knowledge and engagement with the circular economy
- Provide a CPD plan for the next 12 months

Applications should be submitted electronically to info@ceinstitute.org.

What documents do I need to submit?

Your application should include:

- Completed application form
- Signed declaration of compliance with the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct
- Your CV demonstrating three years of knowledge, expertise and experience in relation to circular economy
- Evidence of certification (if applicable)
- CPD plan for the next 12 months

How will my application be reviewed?

Your application will be considered by an approved CEI representative who will review your submission against the membership criteria. The review process is a one-stage assessment, and you will receive feedback on the outcome of your application.

What benefits will I receive as a CEI Advanced Practitioner Member?

As a CEI Advanced Practitioner Member, you will benefit from:

- Professional recognition of your intermediate-level circular economy expertise
- Access to a global community of circular economy professionals
- Networking opportunities with experts across 40+ countries
- Resources for continuing professional development
- Expert resources, case studies, tools and learning materials from industry leaders
- A platform to contribute to the advancement of circular economy practice
- Internationally recognised credentials that advance your career

How does CEI Advanced Practitioner align with terms used by other professional bodies?

The term Advanced Practitioner aligns with similar designations used by other professional bodies to recognise individuals who have developed a practical understanding of circular economy principles and can apply them within their field of work. Like equivalent practitioner-level certifications in sustainability, project management or environmental management, it represents an intermediate level of expertise.

Can I use my previous credentials as evidence for membership?

Yes. Your previous Specialist, Instructor and Trained credentials remain valid, and you may use them as evidence to meet the criteria for CEI Advanced Practitioner Membership where appropriate.

What is the CEI Code of Ethics?

As a CEI Advanced Practitioner Member, you agree to:

- Treat everyone fairly and avoid harassment or discrimination
- Act ethically, professionally and with respect in all interactions
- Uphold the integrity of the circular economy in all commercial interactions
- Use sound judgement and care when making recommendations
- Continuously improve your skills and help other professionals do the same

What if I cannot afford the full membership fee?

CEI offers a hardship membership rate (35% of the annual fee) for members who face financial barriers. You may be eligible if you are:

- Unemployed for any reason other than retirement
- On long-term sick leave and either unpaid or on a reduced income
- On maternity or paternity leave and either unpaid or on a reduced income
- Experiencing other circumstances which have had a direct impact on your income
- In full-time, unpaid education (CEI Advanced Practitioner and Fellow members only)

Applications are considered on an individual basis. Please refer to the CEI Pricing Policy (CEI 0012) for more information.

What if I am based in a Least Developed Country (LDC)?

CEI offers a discretionary rate for individuals based in Least Developed Countries to support equitable access to professional membership. The classification of LDCs is determined using data provided by the World Bank. Please refer to the CEI Pricing Policy (CEI 0012) for more information about eligibility.

How can I progress to CEI Fellow Membership?

To progress to CEI Fellow Membership, you will need to demonstrate high levels of knowledge and experience in the circular economy, including leadership, effective communication and promotion of best practice. The Fellow application involves a two-stage assessment process including a professional review interview.

Where can I get more information?

For further information about CEI Advanced Practitioner Membership, please contact info@ceinstitute.org or visit ceinstitute.org.