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MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

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1. Issue

To provide a report on the IET's co-operation with other Professional Engineering Institutions, the Engineering Council and the Royal Academy of Engineering for membership recruitment in the UK; and on increased efforts to recruit members employed by the UK Government.

2. Timing

Board of Trustees meeting, 4 September 2023.

3. For Recommendation

The Board of Trustees is invited to note this report.

4. Background

At its meeting on 16 March 2023 the Board of Trustees noted a report on developing the Membership and Professional Registration Propositions. During discussion it was suggested that attention should be concentrated on the UK market, particularly through partnership schemes; the IET should consider working co-operatively with other Professional Engineering Institutions, the Engineering Council and the Royal Academy of Engineering in addressing membership recruitment in the UK; and the IET should increase efforts to recruit members employed by the UK Government (Minute 6.3 of T(23)M2 refers).

5. Report

5.1. The Membership and Professional Registration teams are active in partnering with many Government offices to support their engineers and technician staff with Membership and Professional Registration. The engineering disciplines vary across each area. We deliver full account management to all our government organisations which includes delivery of Early Career support and Partnership Registration Schemes:

- Army
- Department for Transport
- FCDO Services
- Government Office for Science
- Navy
- RAF – Central Payment Scheme

- Strategic Command – open discussions on a Central Payment Scheme
- UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA)

5.2. These partners work closely with government:

- HMGCC
- Office for Nuclear Regulation

5.3. We are also speaking with these departments to become a Corporate Partner:

- Department for Work and Pensions
- Government Office for Science
- Home Office

5.4. The IET's membership numbers from UK Government employees including Armed Forces is currently 6,225:

mod.uk	886
mod.gov.uk	3,953
gov.uk	1,786

5.5. The IET continues to foster existing partnerships and create new ones to increase members employed by UK Government (to help support the aims of the Government's Science and Engineering Professions "Professionalisation Strategy"), and this is part of the Membership Growth Strategy. We are active in also expanding our central payment schemes to ensure retention as well as recruitment.

5.6. The IET has been working co-operatively with the Engineering Council to ensure that Chartered Engineer is included in the recently launched UK Government's Regulated Professions Register.

5.7. Published on 14 June 2023 by the Department for Business and Trade:

5.8. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/regulated-professions-register-launch

5.9. This is a new digital service which provides information about 200 regulated professions in the UK in one place on gov.uk and is a one stop shop for professionals and businesses interested in knowing more about working in regulated professions in the UK.

5.10. The IET is also working to influence UK Government on the professionalism of their employees through direct contact with existing and former Chief Scientific Advisors and senior civil servants with Colin Sellers (Head of Registration and Standards) being the primary contact including:

- Jim Barlow – Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (especially flood protection)
- Professor Phil Blythe – Department for Transport
- Sir Anthony Finkelstein – Cabinet Office (MI5/MI6)
- Professor John Loughhead – Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (especial Climate Change)
- Dr Mike Short – Department for International Trade
- Cate Walton – Home Office

5.11. The IET has a long-standing relationship with the PEI/Armed Forces Defence Steering Committee working co-operatively other Professional Engineering Institutions, particularly looking at skills development aligned to Professional Registration. This has resulted in Defence Instruction Notices (DINs) which remunerate individual serving personnel on their achievement of Professional Registration and ongoing PEI membership.

5.12. The IET partners with many PEIs, especially to share volunteer resources for professional registration, including the Energy Institute, the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), the Institution of Railway Signal Engineers (IRSE), and the Safety and Reliability Society (SaRS).

6. Risk

There are no risk issues associated with this matter.

7. Resources

There are no resource issues associated with this matter.