

### **Other routes to becoming an Associate (AMSB)**

- Any applicant who has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA Framework for Higher Education Qualification (FHEQ) level 6.
- Any applicant who has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA FHEQ level 5 and has obtained at least 1 year of professional experience working full time in a biology related position.
- Any applicant who has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA FHEQ level 4 and has obtained at least 2 years' professional experience working in a full time biology related position.
- Any applicant who has obtained a minimum of 3 years' experience working in a full-time biology related position.
- Any applicant who has completed 2 years' CPD awarding at least 50 credits per year through our CPD scheme.
- Any applicant who has completed a bioscience NVQ or SVQ at level 4 incorporating the application of biological science.
- Any applicant who has completed a Bachelor of Education with Science as the principal subject.

### **Other routes to becoming a Member (MSB)**

- Any applicant that has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA FHEQ level 7 and obtained at least 2 years' professional experience working full-time in a biology related position.
- Any applicant that has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA HFEQ level 6 and obtained at least 3 years' professional experience working in a full-time biology related position.
- Any applicant that has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA HFEQ level 5 and obtained at least 4 years' professional experience working in a full-time biology related position.
- Any applicant that has been awarded a biology based qualification equivalent to the QAA HFEQ level 4 and obtained at least 5 years' professional experience working in a full-time biology related position.
- Any applicant that has obtained a minimum of 5 years' experience working in a full-time biology related position and has completed 2 years' CPD awarding at least 50 credits per year through our CPD scheme (one year of CPD can be claimed retrospectively).

### **Typical higher education qualifications within each level FHEQ level:**

#### **Level 8**

Doctoral degrees (e.g., PhD/DPhil (including new-route PhD), EdD, DBA, DClinPsy)

#### **Level 7**

Master's degrees (e.g., MPhil, MLitt, MRes, MA, MSc)

Integrated master's degrees (e.g., MEng, MChem, MPhys, MPharm)

Postgraduate diplomas

Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

Postgraduate certificates

## **Level 6**

Bachelor's degrees with honours (e.g., BA/BSc Hons)  
Bachelor's degrees  
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)  
Graduate diplomas  
Graduate certificates

## **Level 5**

Foundation Degrees (e.g., FdA, FdSc)  
Diplomas of Higher Education (DipHE)  
Higher National Diplomas (HND)

## **Level 4**

A'levels  
Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers  
Higher National Certificates (HNC)  
Certificates of Higher Education (CertHE)