



The Royal Institution of Naval Architects

Guidance On Applying for Election/Transfer to Fellow

INTRODUCTION

RINA awards the grade to of Fellows to respected professionals who have demonstrated significant senior experience and achieved the highest standards in their field.

It shows you have spent a career working at the forefront of the industry to help push boundaries and drive the profession forward. To hold the status of a RINA Fellow is a prestigious and internationally recognised professional qualification.

APPLICATION ROUTES

Wanting to apply for FRINA Only – No EC Registration

Option 1: If MRINA status & Professional Registration <i>already</i> held	You may submit an updated Professional Review Report, or an Extended CV of your professional experience since your election to Member.
Option 2: If you are applying for direct election to Fellow (No EC Registration) as a non-MRINA,	You may submit a Professional Review Report or extended CV. If a candidates wishes at a later stage to apply for Engineering Council registration, a full Professional Review report is recommended.

Applying for FRINA + EC Registration

Option 3: If MRINA status held, but seeking FRINA & Professional registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You are required to submit a full Professional Review Report, or alternative routes availableIf you are applying for Engineering Council registration you may not submit an extended CV.
Option 4: If you are applying for direct election to Fellow as a non-MRINA candidate, with Professional Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You are required to submit a Professional Review Report or alternative routes availableIf you are applying for Engineering Council registration you may not submit an extended CV.

All candidates

When completing either your Professional Review Report, or Extended CV, RINA would expect to see several areas of Superior Responsibility must be covered.

**APPLICATION CRITERIA:
SUPERIOR RESPONSIBILITY**

The assessment of *superior responsibility* will be made by the Membership Committee and in interpreting its meaning, the following criteria may be adopted by the Committee depending on the nature of your employment and the nature of your responsibilities:

Title and position in company or organisation

Through its' experience and case precedence, the Membership Committee will take account of titles and positions held you, particularly when the management structure of the company or organisation is known to the Committee. However, the fact that you have achieved a certain position within a company or university would not be a sole reason for approving election/transfer to Fellow.

Technical and administrative responsibilities

The Membership Committee will look for increasing levels of responsibility for technical and administrative work over your career as important indicators of your achievement of superior responsibility. In larger organisations, the Membership Committee will assess your responsibilities for particular activities and the extent to which decision-making responsibility rested with you.

Financial and budgetary responsibilities

It is not possible to quantify the level of financial and budgetary responsibilities which equate to having superior responsibility. The Membership Committee will consider such aspects in the context of the size of the company or organisation and its turnover, or whether you have been self-employed.

Responsibility for technical and administrative staff

The extent to which number of staff reporting directly or indirectly to you, either on a day to day basis or on a particular project, will be a major factor when assessing your application. However, the Membership Committee will take account of the size and type of the companies and organisations in which you have been employed or self-employed. The number of professional engineers and technicians who report to you will also be a consideration.

Continuing Professional Development

The Membership Committee will consider your record of CPD to ensure that you have undertaken the necessary professional development to ensure competence in your areas of practice.

Standing in the naval architecture profession or maritime industry

Recognising that there may be aspects of the above criteria in which consultants, the self-employed and academics may find it difficult to demonstrate all the above, the Membership Committee will, where appropriate, take into account your standing in your field of expertise, the naval architecture profession or the maritime industry. The Committee will take account of such factors as membership of other organisations, papers published and other professional activities.

ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

The Membership Department at Membership@rina.org.uk is ready at all times to advise and assist candidates on all aspects of their application for election or transfer to Fellow.