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## Masters Equivalence Report

**The Science Council requires candidates for CSci to hold a recognised degree at M-level; or to have post-graduation experience to demonstrate M-level attainment.**

Applicants with a Bachelor's degree (H-level) will need to demonstrate in writing attainment of knowledge and understanding equivalent to M-level. They must show that through post graduation experience they have acquired that additional knowledge and understanding that they would have gained had they undertaken either an integrated masters undergraduate programme or a post graduate taught masters course. This evidence may take the form of **either** a report of approximately 1000 words (maximum number of words permitted is 2000 and any longer submissions will be returned) **or** one or more of their supporting professional documents can be designated for assessment as being at M-level. The latter option is encouraged.

The report must show that the applicant has undertaken technical geoscience work at a level equivalent to, or higher than, that of an MSc dissertation. The use of past reports, written as part of the applicant's work and professional development, is encouraged rather than requiring re-writing of such past reports.

The applicant must attest that the report represents their own work, and the Society reserves the right to make enquiries as to authenticity. Where the work reported has been carried out with the applicant working as part of a team it is imperative that the applicant's contributions to the work are clearly delineated and due acknowledgement given to the contributions of the other team members.

Types of work that may form the basis of the Masters Equivalence Report correspond in level to project reports produced in the final year of a four year integrated Masters degree, or a one year MSc programme, but need not be a thesis. They may include:

- Investigation and reporting of a project/problem in any area of Geoscience
- A piece of academic research published in a peer reviewed journal
- An internal technical report
- Design and analysis of a survey of (eg) contaminated land with recommendations and conclusions
- An assessment of a landfill site and its possible impact on adjacent groundwater systems or gas generation
- Flood risk assessments
- Environmental impact assessment that contains a significant geological component
- A geophysical survey, including interpretation
- A modelling-based investigation of a geological, geophysical or geochemical phenomenon
- An investigation of the palaeontology of a particular taxon, in terms of its evolutionary history or stratigraphic occurrence

NB - This list is not exhaustive or prescriptive.

The report submitted of any project should include information that might be presented with the following parts;

- A clear description of the aims of the project;
- A description of how the project was carried out;
- An outline of the results achieved and their interpretation;
- An evaluation of the project in terms of the skills and knowledge developed in order to complete the project.

The report will be assessed for Masters Equivalence by scrutineers who will be appointed by the Chartership Officer and who will also assess the overall application for CSci. These scrutineers will be selected for their knowledge of the subject area expertise/competence claimed by the applicant. They will report through the Chartership Officer to the Chartership Panel who will make the final decision.

Assessment of Equivalence will be made solely on the Report submitted.

Reports will be kept by the Society but will remain confidential.

If an application for CSci is unsuccessful then a new submission may be made at any time, without prejudice.