

RIBA 

RIBA Membership
Benefits and Services





The RIBA

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) is the UK's pre-eminent body for architecture and the architectural profession. Membership of the RIBA is recognised the world over as a symbol of professional excellence.

RIBA members are a global network of individuals who share a common interest in architecture and the built environment.

Both Chartered Practices and individual members enjoy the prestige of being part of a prominent institute which will raise their profile amongst colleagues and potential clients.

The RIBA, its members and its Chartered Practices are the collective voice of architecture that work together to enhance and promote a profession facing significant challenges. The institute champions good design the world over and influences government policy and legislation that impacts on the profession.

“The RIBA provides good representation for architects to the public and clients.”

Nicky Kirk, RIBA Chartered Member

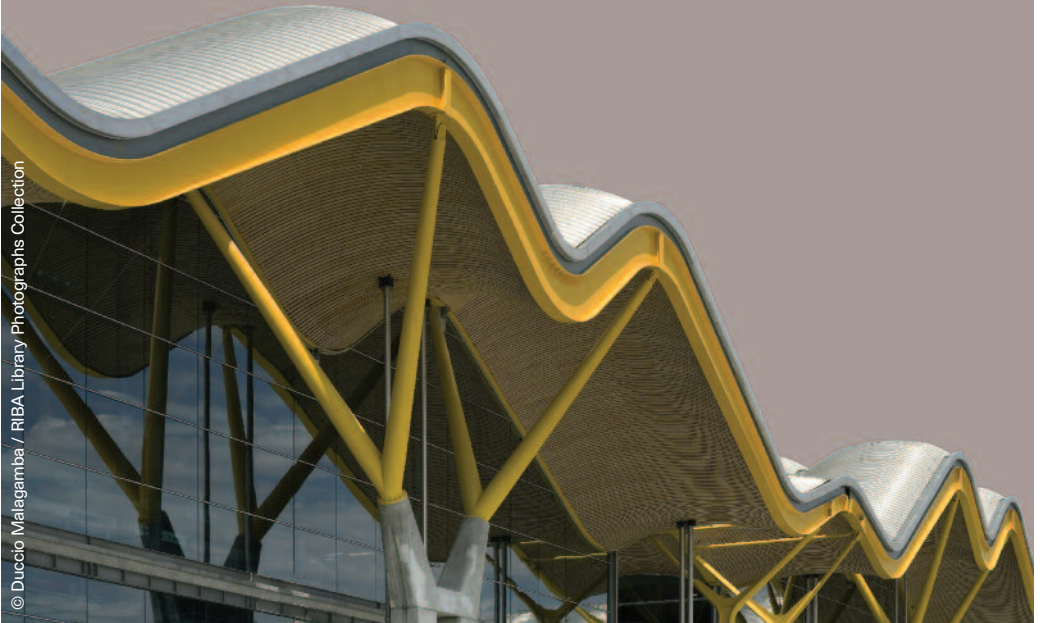
Supporting your development

RIBA membership offers access to a range of tailored benefits and services. Whether you are studying, a fully qualified architect, retired from the profession or have a professional interest in architecture: the RIBA provides an unrivalled range of resources to ensure you are well equipped to progress.

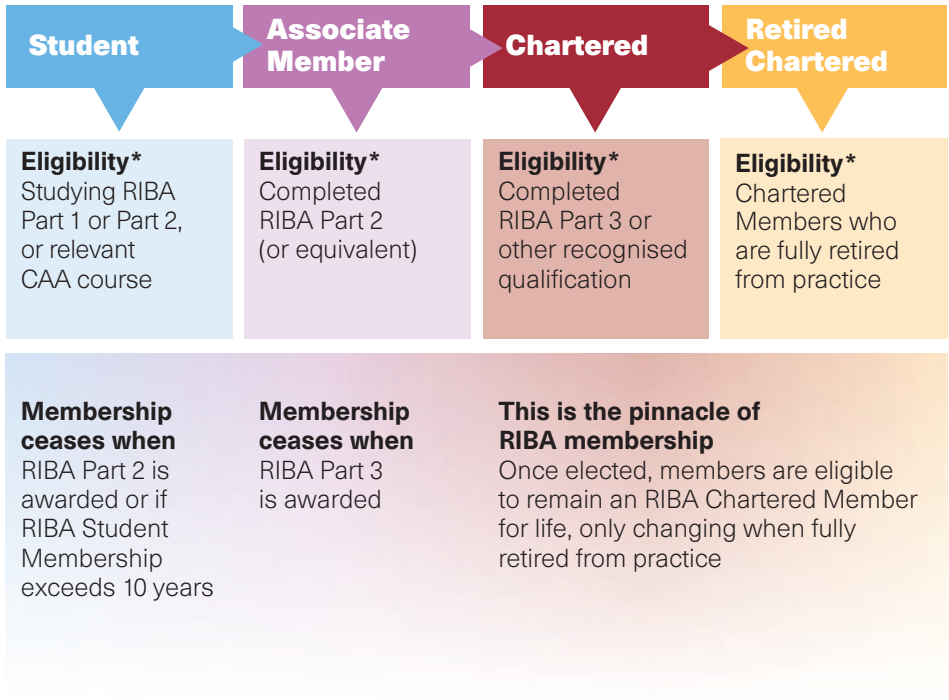
The RIBA leads the way in architectural education and delivers a comprehensive CPD programme.

“Being an RIBA member is a fundamental part of being an architect. It allows me lifelong membership to an institute that is recognised the world over”

Vijay Desai, RIBA Chartered Member



RIBA membership develops ...



* Please visit www.architecture.com for full membership eligibility criteria.

The RIBA offers a range of membership categories that provide services to support you throughout your career.

As a global institute, the RIBA provides benefits and services for its members worldwide. See www.architecture.com for more details.

... as your career develops



RIBA Chartered Practice accreditation is applicable for any size of practice. Whether you are a sole practitioner, medium sized business or large practice, it is designed to help you improve your business effectiveness and performance.

Being a Chartered Practice provides a quality assurance to potential clients and the wider construction industry.

RIBA membership benefits and services

Access to a range of knowledge, research and industry information



Monthly RIBA Journal

Receive your free subscription (discounted subscription for RIBA Student Members) to the leading architectural publication for the latest news on design, practice, the issues affecting the profession and much more

RIBA Information Centre

Consult the RIBA Information Centre team, who can provide specialist legal, financial and technical guidance

RIBA Knowledge Communities

Access the online networking and knowledge resource for professionals from across the construction industry on a range of topics

RIBA Library

Borrow books on the history and practice of architecture, the built environment and landscape design. Discounts on reproduction fees and bookings. Also, take advantage of the electronically networked technical library resources and journals

RIBA email bulletins

Receive electronic bulletins on issues such as practice, international, activities, CPD and more

RIBA Chartered Practice newsletter

Obtain updates on the industry, the RIBA, business watch and client perspectives

RIBAnet online forum







Debate and share your knowledge with fellow members, practices and RIBA staff on the RIBAnet online discussion forum

RIBApedia - the architectural research wiki

Collaborate, share and debate on subjects relating to architectural research at www.ribapedia.com

Product Selector directory (printed / online)

Access to an extensive resource of relevant products and services

-  Student Membership
-  Associate Membership
-  Chartered Membership
-  Retired Chartered Membership
-  Affiliate Membership
-  Chartered Practice Membership

Raise your profile with clients and the wider construction industry



RIBA Chartered Practice logo and site signboards

Use the RIBA Chartered Practice logo on all of your business materials. It is a mark of quality promoting your practice and assuring clients of your excellence

The 'RIBA' affix

Use of the 'RIBA' affix after your name to recognise your expertise

The title 'Chartered Architect'

Use the title 'Chartered Architect' to set you apart from the competition

RIBA logo on personal stationery

Communicate your status as an RIBA Chartered Architect by including the RIBA logo on your personal stationery

Client Nominations service

Used by potential clients based across the world, this tailored nomination service will help to find the right architect for a project

RIBA Chartered Practice directory

Create and maintain your Chartered Practice profile including details of previous projects and a link to your website

Entry in 'the list' printed directory

Include your practice's details in 'the list'. Printed annually, this is the definitive directory of RIBA Chartered Practices and is sent for free to key clients

Entry in RIBA sector reviews

Publish your projects in various annual directories covering the main construction sectors and RIBA regions. Distributed free to key clients

Entry in the RIBA Chartered Member directory

Assure clients of your status as an RIBA Chartered Member by being included in the exclusive online directory

Yellow Pages RIBA consumer advice

Blog, comment and share advice with the tens of thousands of yell.com users who search for architectural services on a monthly basis

Discounts for Yellow Pages adverts

Take advantage of the enhanced entry in the 'RIBA Chartered Practice' section of Yellow Pages and yell.com

Providing comprehensive business support services



Legal, technical and regulatory guidance

Receive advice on a wide range of subjects through telephone consultation with a specialist practice consultant

Specialist HR and employment law consultation

Access advice on employment and HR areas such as payroll and health & safety through a comprehensive online and telephone consultancy service offered by Croner Consultancy

RIBA quality management toolkit

Download the toolkit to enable your practice to meet requirements for quality and risk management

RIBA value toolkit

Help your practice add value to projects through the RIBA value toolkit. It is particularly appropriate at the pre project and negotiation stages and in helping bid for work

RIBA health and safety template

Access to these health & safety templates online via the members-only section of the RIBA website

Ground-breaking surveys and intelligence reports

Take part in the RIBA Future Trends and Benchmarking surveys and compare your practice's performance amongst others in the UK

Agreements, contracts and model letters

Access a range of agreements and contracts for the appointment of an architect or consultant

RIBA environmental policy guidance

Help reduce your practices carbon footprint, improve recycling and better understand the potential effects of your designs

Specialist indemnity insurance for architects

Take advantage of custom made insurance policies from the RIBA Insurance Agency

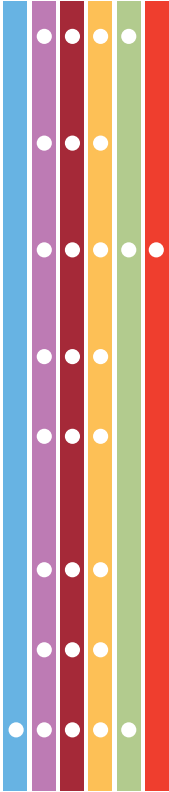
Discounted website design service

Create your RIBA Microsite at a discounted rate from Acefolio

RIBA Appointments

Place discounted adverts and recruit through the RIBA Appointments recruitment agency

Actively supporting members in personal and professional development



RIBA CPD online

Access the members-only area for tips and advice and exclusive downloads of the RIBA's core curriculum

RIBA CPD recording system

Record your CPD and professional development in the members-only area at www.architecture.com

CPD guidance and advice

Contact a member of the RIBA CPD team for advice on your professional development

CPD providers network roadshow

Attend a free full day CPD. Book early to avoid disappointment

RIBA skill and specialist CPD

Access a range of additional qualifications and specialist skills in architecture, design or business management to help you market yourself to clients or employers

Free or low-cost access to the RIBA CPD providers network

Receive RIBA-assessed, specialist, high-quality CPD material

Discounted attendance at regional CPD events

Contact your local region for further information

Preferential rates for lectures and events

Make the most of discounted rates available to you on a wide variety of events. Full details available at www.architecture.com



Recognising your professional status

RIBA Chartered Membership is an acknowledgement that you are at the cutting edge of your profession. It entitles you to make full use of the 'RIBA' affix after your name and the title 'Chartered Architect' as well as the RIBA crest on your personal stationery and marketing materials. This will assure clients and colleagues of your excellence.

The RIBA Chartered Practice logo is a mark of quality to potential clients and can be used on your business and promotional materials. It provides a symbol that conveys your organisation's ability to conform to the highest standards in service and design.

Chartered Practices are also promoted by the RIBA via several channels of communications, at key events and through the media.

As an RIBA Chartered Member or Practice, you can work with the RIBA to help shape the future of architecture and building design, and be part of a highly regarded institute recognised the world over.

“RIBA membership is important... it allows me to use the title Chartered Architect.”
Vijay Desai, RIBA Chartered Member

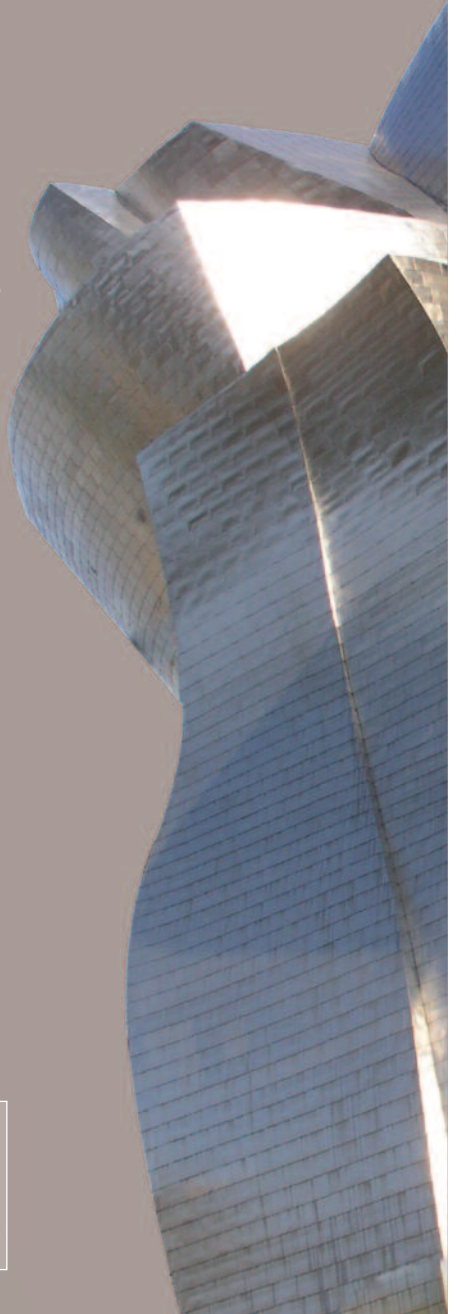
Providing an independent voice for the profession

The RIBA works hard on your behalf by engaging parliament, the government and other bodies. As a result of our work with members we have achieved the following political successes:

- **Planning** – focusing on the planning system, the RIBA made changes to legislation in the Planning Act 2008. This means that local authorities and other public bodies now have a duty to include design quality in their plans. The government's changes to the planning system include many of the RIBA's recommendations such as lengthening the amount of time for planning permissions
- **Housing** – the RIBA influenced major changes to the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 so that the newly formed Homes and Communities Agency has a duty to consider design quality
- **Procurement** – political support for smart PFI proposals through select committees and sessions with the Conservative shadow cabinet
- **Sustainability** – the RIBA are part of a key coalition on climate change raising government targets for reduction in carbon emissions to 80%

“The RIBA looks after our interests and gives architects a voice to engage the public and government.”

Henry Busiakiewicz, RIBA Chartered Member



RIBA Nations and Regions

If you are based in the UK, you will also have a representative RIBA regional office. The RIBA has 11 regional offices in England, plus the Royal Society of Architects in Wales (RSAW). It has agreements with the RIAS and RSUA for the provision of services to RIBA members in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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RIBA International Chapters

The RIBA has developed a network of country ambassadors and overseas chapters. New chapters have so far been introduced in the Asia Pacific region and the Gulf to respond to the professional interests of its overseas members.

The formation of these new chapters brings about a unique opportunity for members to showcase their work on a global stage, to identify and overcome the challenges they face in their professional lives and share in the great wealth of international expertise amongst fellow members and other professionals.

For further information about the RIBA Chapters email ribachapters@inst.riba.org or visit www.architecture.com/RegionsAndInternational

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