

## ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN A PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION FOR APPRENTICES

As a further education training provider of modern or advanced engineering apprenticeships you will already know that for your students, having the right professional qualifications is crucial to achieving career success.

If your students' become professionally registered as Engineering Technicians (EngTech), in addition to completing their modern or advanced apprenticeship they will receive independent verification of the skills and experience they've gained through study and employment. On completion of their course and relevant experience, your students would be in a strong position to apply for Engineering Technician registration through IMechE.

EngTech provides an internationally recognised benchmark standard that proves your students' competence as technicians. Becoming an Engineering Technician with IMechE will mean that they have the use of 'EngTech MIMechE' after their name.

By encouraging your apprentices to become professionally registered with the IMechE, you can ensure that when they leave your care, they do so in the knowledge that they are in a better position to gain the professional registration highly valued by employers.

Supporting the professional development of your apprentices will also boost your reputation as a quality further education provider, to attract better students and new business to your organisation.

## BENEFITS OF ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Actively promoting and encouraging EngTech to your students will:

## Demonstrate your commitment to their success

Having your course approved by IMechE helps you demonstrate the quality of your training provision to students and employers. In turn this will help you to enrol the most motivated apprentices and attract new business.

#### Put them ahead of the crowd

Encouraging your students to apply for professional registration as Engineering Technicians following completion of their apprenticeship gives them the opportunity to stand apart from those who have no professional registration

#### Get recognition of their skills

Your students will have tangible evidence to show employers that they are fully competent and professionally qualified engineering technicians, as IMechE professional registration is recognised by the worldwide engineering community.

#### Support their life long learning

Professionally registered technicians are committed to their own development. By helping your students to become Engineering Technicians you will begin a culture that encourages them to continually develop their skills throughout their careers.

## APPROVED TRAINING COURSES

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers recognises and values engineering talent at all levels. With a long history of supporting the engineering industry we are in the perfect position to make it easier for you to turn your apprentices into professional Engineering Technicians.

FE colleges and training providers that run modern or advanced engineering apprenticeship schemes can apply to have their course approved by the Institution. There is no fee for doing this and it will make the application process for your students much more straightforward, as we'll already know what skills and experience they have.

Our aim is to make it as simple as possible for you and your apprentices to benefit from the extra endorsement of their skills the professional registration EngTech provides.

# GET YOUR TRAINING COURSE APPROVED

If you currently have a modern or advanced engineering apprenticeship scheme and would like to have it approved, please contact us on the details below. We can talk through the process with you, or put you in touch with one of the Institution's regional Business Development Managers.

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IMECHE ACCREDITATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITH GREAT INTEREST FROM OUR STUDENTS, WITH ALMOST ALL OUR APPRENTICES, FROM FIRST TO FINAL YEAR STUDENTS ASKING TO SIGN UP. EMPLOYERS ARE SUPPORTING IT TOO BECAUSE IT STRENGTHENS THEIR PLACE IN THE MARKET TO HAVE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WORKING FOR THEM.

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IT IS IMPORTANT FOR APPRENTICES TO WORK TOWARDS BECOMING REGISTERED AS ENGINEERING TECHNICIANS AS IT DEMONSTRATES/CONFIRMS TO THEIR CURRENT AND FUTURE EMPLOYERS THEIR COMMITMENT TO ENGINEERING AND THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING.

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