

# Professional Qualifications: a CILIP perspective

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Chartered Institute of  
Library and Information  
Professionals

- 22,000+ members
- UK and overseas
- Represents information professionals in wide range of organisations
- Home Nation and Regional Branches
- Special Interest Groups



CILIP

- Matrix of pathways
- Recognition of all levels of achievement
  - Certification
  - Chartered Membership
  - Voluntary Revalidation Scheme
  - Fellowship

# Qualifications Framework

- Not prescriptive - mapping tool
  - LIS courses
  - Individual CPD
- Core areas (unique knowledge and skills)
- Generic (transferable)
- Overlap with other disciplines

**Body of Professional  
Knowledge**

- CILIP accredits library and information courses in the UK
  - Undergraduate
  - Masters
- New recognition scheme for other training providers

Accreditation

- ACLIP
- Progression route to Chartered Membership
- Portfolio submission
  - Applications from members with more than 5 years experience
  - Applications from new members
- Database of training and development activities
- Regional assessment

## Certification Scheme

- 'Gold standard'
- Portfolio application
- Evidenced based
- Mentor scheme compulsory
- Employer support
- Accessible and appropriate for members worldwide
- Assessment by Chartership Board

# Chartership

- **Voluntary**
- Benefits for individuals and employers
- Based on best practice
- Reflective practitioner
- Wide range of activities: portfolio application
- 3 year period of revalidation
- Regional assessment

# Revalidation Scheme

- Highest level of professional qualification
- Maintain existing pathway but now with 6 year qualifying period
- New pathway to Fellowship based on two successful cycles of revalidation linked to the criteria
- Assessment by Chartership Board

# Fellowship

- Evidence-based practice
- Individual responsibility
- Recognition of work-based learning and other activities
- Web based information / CPD tools
- Mentoring
- Training for assessors and mentors
- Partnership and collaboration
- Linked to national framework

## Important features of the Framework

- Mentor Database
- Training
- Individuals choose mentor
- Central co-ordination
- Regional support for mentees
- Support for mentors



# Mentoring

- Enhance Opportunities
- Reward Achievement
- Robust and rigorous framework to ensure to ensure highest standards of professional practice



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# Framework of Qualifications