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Qualifications

As a membership organisation we offer chartered professional qualifications to our members. These qualifications are recognised worldwide in the textile industry.



What is a Professional Qualification?

Many people have accomplished professional achievements and contributions which are not recognised through academic qualifications alone. The attainment of a professional qualification is the clearest way of demonstrating possession of a sound knowledge of the industry and a high standard of professional competence.

TI professional qualifications are held by men and women of distinction in industry and commerce throughout the world. The qualifications are acknowledged by many national governments, as well as by employers. They affirm that the holder has proved his/her ability to practise in addition to having academic knowledge of their subject.

What is Licentiatehip?

The Licentiatehip is a professional qualification awarded to members who have a good level of knowledge or expertise in one specialist textile area and a general awareness of textiles in related areas, or who have a broad general knowledge of textiles, together in either case with sufficient professional experience, as detailed in these Regulations.

This prestigious award is valued because it :

- recognises work-related competence, integrity and expertise at a professional level;
- facilitates public recognition of the holder's worth;
- acknowledges achievement of a recognised international standard;
- entitles holders to use the letters LTI after their names.

Professional
experience

Route (a)*

2 years'
relevant
experience

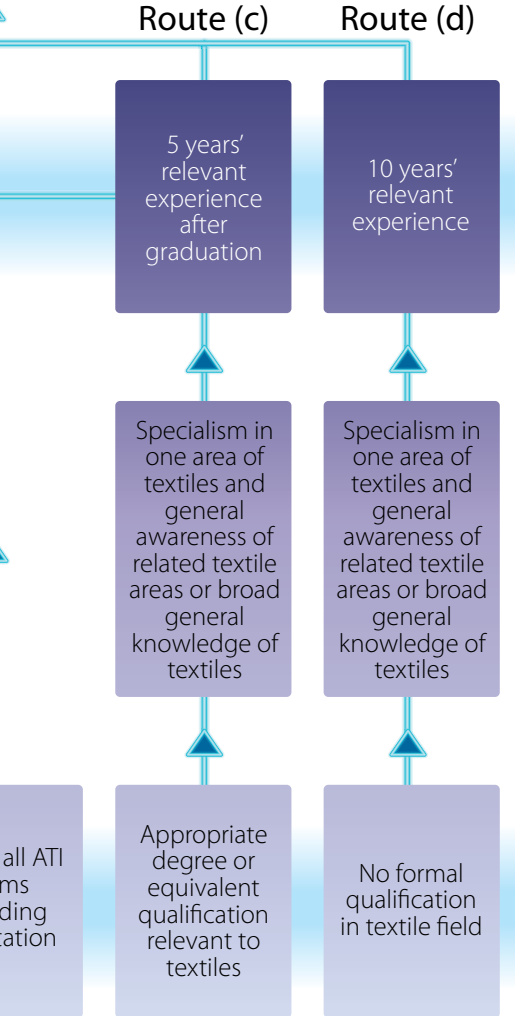
Depth of
knowledge

Pass in LTI
exams

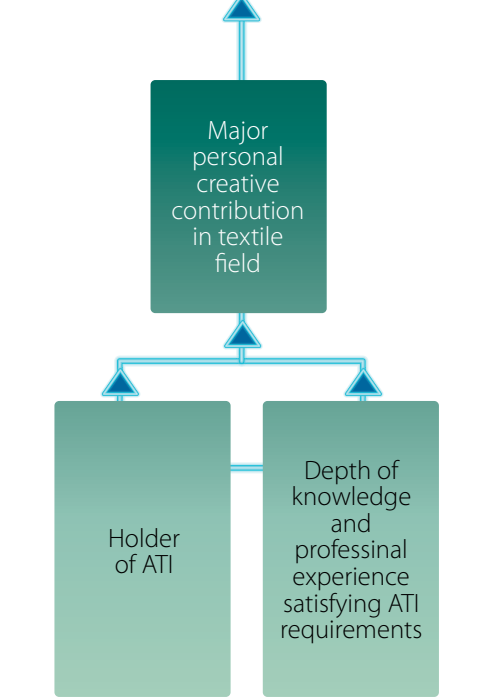
* This route is no longer available for those who previously passed the



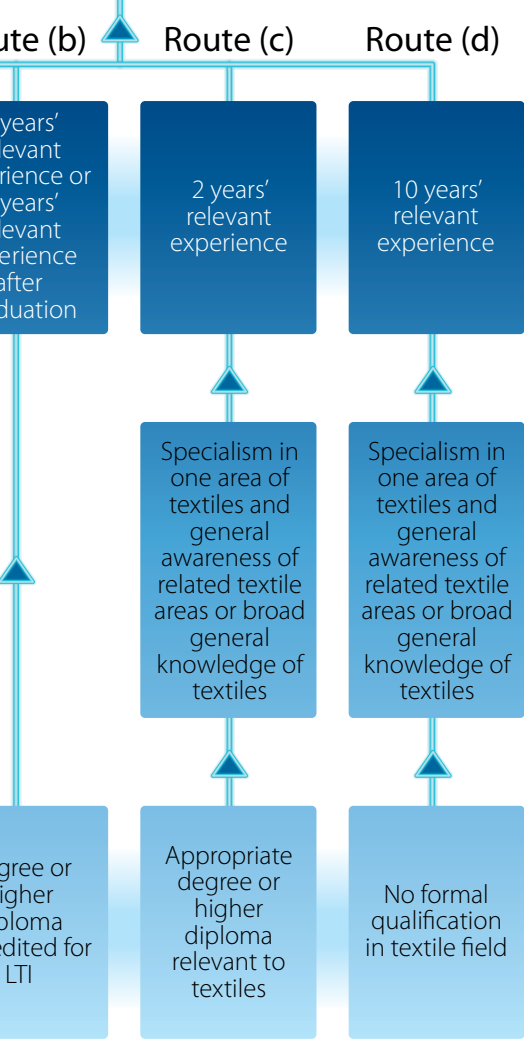
ATI (CText ATI)



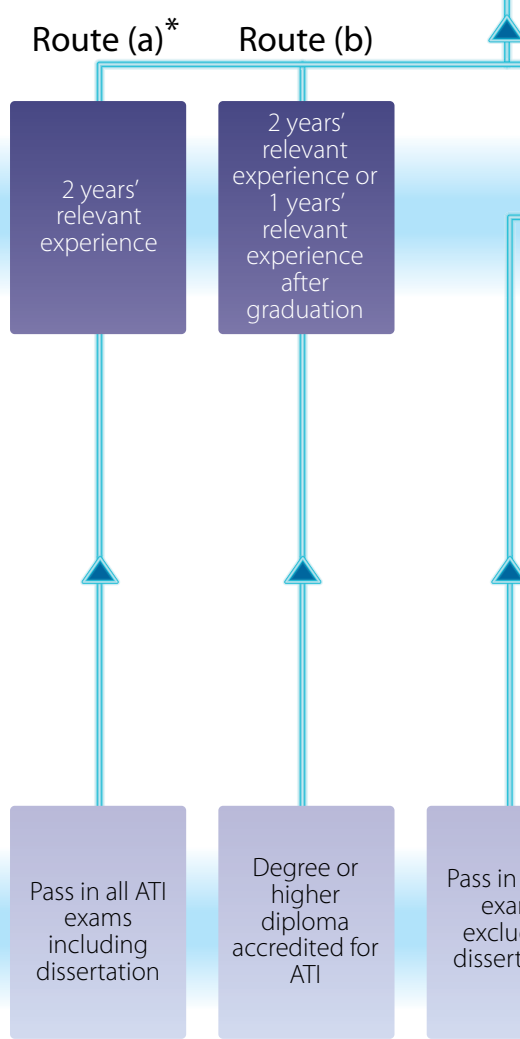
Fellowship (CText FTI)



Apprenticeship (LTI)



Associateship



Available to new applicants however candidates who have failed the examinations are still able to apply via route A



What is Associateship?

The Associateship is a Chartered professional qualification which is awarded under The Textile Institute's Royal Charter to members who have a high level of knowledge in one specialist textile area, as exemplified by an appropriate Honours degree or equivalent qualification, and a broad general knowledge of textiles in related areas, together with sufficient professional experience, as detailed in these Regulations.

This prestigious award is valued because it :

- recognises work-related competence, integrity and expertise at a professional level;
- facilitates public recognition of the holder's worth;
- acknowledges achievement of a recognised international standard;
- is widely accepted as being equivalent in academic status to a good Bachelor's degree
- entitles holders to use the letters CText ATI after their names.

The Associateship is covered by the European Union's first Professional Qualifications Directive (89/48/EEC).

What is Fellowship?

The Fellowship is a Chartered professional qualification which is awarded under The Textile Institute's Royal Charter to members who are already Associates, or who fulfil the requirements for Associateship, and who have made a major personal creative contribution in a field connected with textiles.

This highly prestigious award is valued because it :

- recognises work-related competence, integrity and expertise at a senior professional level;
- facilitates public recognition of the holder's worth;
- acknowledges achievement of a recognised international standard;
- entitles holders to use the letters CText FTI after their names.

The Fellowship is covered by the European Union's first Professional Qualifications Directive (89/48/EEC).



Accreditation

The Textile Institute accredit a wide range of courses globally within all areas of textiles, clothing and footwear. Students who graduate from these courses can apply for their professional qualifications after a shorter period of work experience.

What are the Advantages of Accreditation to the Educational Establishment?

Accreditation of programmes benefits the establishment by:

- setting the department/establishment in the focus of the world textile community
- including the establishment in the listing of leading international textile education bodies
- facilitating the maintenance of educational standards between different countries and specialisations
- providing an indication of programme quality and excellence of provision by an international peer-assessment process
- providing further opportunities for graduates to take up textiles-based careers



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