Qualifications

As a membership organisation we offer chartered professional qualifications to our members. These qualifications are internationally recognised by many national governments, as well as by employers establishing that the holder has proved their ability to practice.

Why Apply?
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.

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.

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 CText ATI after their names


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
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Internationally Recognised
TI professional qualifications are acknowledged by many national governments, as well as by employers establishing that the holder has proved their ability to practice.

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**Professional experience**

- **Route(a)**: 10 years' relevant experience after graduation.
- **Route(b)**: 5 years' relevant experience after graduation.
- **Route(c)**: Pass in LTI exams.
- **Route(d)**: Degree or higher diploma accredited for LTI.

**Depth of knowledge**

- **Route(a)**: Specialism in one area of textiles and general awareness of related textile areas or broad general knowledge of textiles.
- **Route(b)**: Specialism in one area of textiles and general awareness of related textile areas or broad general knowledge of textiles.
- **Route(c)**: Pass in all ATI exams, including dissertation.
- **Route(d)**: No formal qualification in textile field.

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**Major personal creative contribution in textile**

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**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

**Approved**

The Textile Institute’s brand is the international sign of excellence. Through this scheme the TI can award ‘Approved Status’ to providers of in-house training, short courses, on-line delivery and programmes not otherwise eligible via the accreditation route.

**Approved with Credit**

Similar to Approved status the TI is also able to assign credit to approved courses where candidates have set assessment outcomes. This credit can then be used towards gaining TI professional qualifications along with demonstrating a commitment to continuing professional development.

Submission for all approval is by application, each course is assessed individually to ensure that the training on offer is of the highest standard and supports the learning needs of people employed with the textile, clothing and footwear industries.