



ASSOCIATION OF LASER SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Is membership of the Association of Laser Safety Professionals appropriate for you?

If you can answer yes to all of the following questions, you should consider applying for membership of the Association.

Have you been professionally and actively involved in laser safety for at least the last five years?

Throughout this period, have you been *substantially* involved in laser safety (that is, for a significant proportion of your working time)?

Have you been active in laser safety at a reasonably high level, such as by undertaking detailed quantitative assessments, by being engaged in extensive risk assessment activity, and by advising widely on safety control procedures involving engineering controls, procedural (administrative) controls and eye (and possibly other forms of personal) protection?

Have you wide practical experience of laser safety involving different types of laser systems in different situations (even if this covers only one area of application and/or work with one employer)?

Do you contribute proactively to the field of laser safety by, for example, being involved in standards work, giving training courses, participation in conferences and seminars, etc?

The competence and understanding of persons applying for membership of the Association and for certification as a Laser Protection Adviser is assessed against a detailed set of criteria that covers the following topics.

- The legislative framework of laser safety
- Standards bodies and other organisations having an involvement in laser safety
- Relevant safety standards and other guidelines
- Laser hazards
- Basic optical physics
- Laser product classification
- The safety requirements for laser products
- Laser emission and exposure evaluation
- Risk assessment
- Control procedures, including a detailed knowledge of eye protection.

Those applying for membership of the Association must submit a completed Application Form (downloadable from this site) accompanied by a detailed career summary that substantiates the claims made on the Application Form. The submitted documentation will be evaluated by Assessors appointed by the Association, and if it is approved the candidate will be invited to attend for interview (at their own expense) in order to demonstrate their competence in accordance with the criteria given above.

A fee of £50.00 is payable on initial application, and a further fee of £200.00 is payable if the candidate is invited for interview. All fees must be paid in advance and are non-refundable. Successful applicants will then be invited to join the Association and be awarded their certification as a Laser Protection Adviser on payment of the appropriate annual membership fee. (A half-yearly fee is payable by those joining the Association between July and December in any year.)

If you would like any further information about membership, please contact the Secretary of the Association at –

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