

## **Becoming an RIBA Chartered Practice**

Becoming an architect is a long and tough road, once you become qualified it is desirable for your hard work to become recognised. The Royal Institute of British Architects is a professional body that strives for excellence in architecture. The RIBA is a globally recognised company that oversees the quality of architecture as well as making sure that fairness is spread through the working environment, joining the RIBA allows us to put our company forward in different ways than before.

### **Benefits of being a chartered practice**

Becoming an RIBA chartered practice has many benefits to our company, as a new company it can sometimes be hard to start up and build a good reputation, if we become an RIBA certified company it is immediately recognisable that have high standards of working and are a fair and ethical business.

Some benefits of becoming an RIBA Chartered Practice:

- Access to 'Find an Architect' service which has over 60,000 visitors a month
- Connect with other RIBA practices
- Access to toolbox with guidance on quality management, environmental management, health and safety, employment and equality
- Access to expert advice on legal issues
- Get high-quality business intelligence to see how your practice is performing against criteria such as profit, turnover, marketing spend, hourly rates and salaries

Check out the whole list here: <https://www.architecture.com/join-riba/chartered-practice-membership>

## **Becoming a RIBA Chartered Practice**

To become an RIBA Chartered practice there is certain criteria that our business needs to go through:

- At least one of our full time partners or directors must be an RIBA Chartered Member
- At least one in eight of all staff must be a RIBA Chartered Member and all of your architectural work must be supervised by a RIBA Chartered Member
- Your practice must commit to operating policies regarding best practice in: Employment, Equality, Diversity and inclusion; Health and Safety; Environmental Management; and Quality Management.

<https://riba-prd-assets.azureedge.net/-/media/Membership/RIBA-Chartered-Practice-criteria-and-standards-manual-2019-2020.pdf?rev=4461864c823f46e791b64a471ac63651&hash=F7361282D10368618BE5166B3258784F>

As we are a small business it is easy for us to make our director or partner an RIBA Chartered Member with them overseeing all architectural work. The in-depth criteria that we would need to pass would be worth our time to complete.

## Being a RIBA Chartered Member

One of the criteria's for becoming an RIBA Chartered Practice is for one of our team members to become a RIBA Chartered Member. To become a member you need:

- RIBA Parts 1, 2 and 3

OR

- A qualification in architecture which is covered by the EU Professional Qualification Directive
- Access to the profession of architect in the EU country in which the qualification was gained
- A minimum of two years professional practice experience

As we have all completed our RIBA parts 1, 2 and 3 any of us could become Chartered Members. This step would be positive for our company because that member would receive many benefits from the title. These include:

- Unlock hundreds of professional features on architecture.com
- Keep up with big issues and the small details for architecture and the built environment with desktop and mobile access to hundreds of RIBA Journal articles
- Help to deliver architectural workshops for thousands of children in schools all over the country
- Get a £200 voucher annually to spend at RIBA Academy to keep up with regulations, technology, and materials
- Access to the RIBA brand

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Price per year = £399

Chartered Membership	Jan to Dec	Feb to Dec	Mar to Dec	Apr to Dec	May to Dec	Jun to Dec	Jul to Dec	Aug to Dec	Sept to Dec	Oct to Dec	Nov to Dec	Dec only
Based in UK (qualified up to five years)	£237	£217.50	£197.50	£177.75	£158	£138.25	£118.50	£98.75	£79	£59.25	£39.50	£19.75
Based in UK (qualified over five years)	£399	£365.75	£332.50	£299.25	£266	£232.75	£199.50	£166.26	£133	£99.75	£66.50	£33.25
Based Internationally (up to five years)	£190	£174.17	£158.33	£142.50	£126.67	£110.83	£95	£79.17	£63.33	£47.50	£31.67	£15.83
Based Internationally (over five years)	£320	£293.33	£266.67	£240	£213.33	£186.67	£160	£133.33	£106.67	£80	£53.33	£26.67

Overall, we think that making this step and going through the criteria to become an RIBA Chartered Practice is an intelligent move in order for us to grow our business, ourselves and our clients. We will assess the benefits of the title in 3 years and make sure that the RIBA Chartered membership and practice is still making a positive impact on our company.