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The Society wishes to encourage senior geoscientists/scientists with more than twenty years of professional experience who wish to become Chartered to take up professional titles, in order to act as role models for less experienced colleagues within their sector of work, and to promote the take up of these accreditations. The Society recognises that many of these Fellows may find difficult to produce some of the documentary evidence of their early professional work and has established an alternative application route for such candidates.

The validation process for these candidates requires them to produce a report of their career in which they describe how they fulfil the requirements of the seven CGeol of five CSci Chartership competency criteria. They should have one professionally qualified Supporter and would then need to attend a validation interview which includes a ~30-minute presentation. Details of the process are given in regulations [R/FP/02](#) (CGeol) and [R/FP/11](#) (CSci).

Abstract from Regulations R/FP/2 and R/FP/11: Section 5.11 - Applications by Fellows with more than 20 years' professional experience.

*An application comprises the following:*

- *a completed online application;*
- *a report of their career and experience with an indication as to how they satisfy the seven (five) competencies for validation as a Chartered Geologist (Chartered Scientist);*
- *at least three years' CPD records;*
- *a Supporter's statement;*
- *an accompanying application fee; and*
- *copies of all tertiary academic qualifications and professional membership certificates.*

*Note that supporting documents are not required for these Applicants.*

*They will attend a validation interview, which will commence with a presentation by the Applicant to describe how they fulfil the requirements of the Chartership competency criteria. The remainder of the interview will be taken up discussing:*

- *how they will help promote Chartership within their organisation and the promotion of professional standards across Earth sciences; and*
- *their commitment to CPD, and the training and career development for early career geoscientists.*

Regarding eligibility, candidates applying via the 20+ years' professional experience route who do not have a Masters level degree are not required to provide a Masters Level Equivalency Report.

CPD records should follow the Plan-Act-Reflect format as set out in the [CPD Regulations](#).

It is noted that, whilst it is not mandatory to supply Supporting Documents, candidates are welcome to do so to facilitate presentation of their fulfilment of the competency criteria, and can

be cross-referenced to the career overview report, following the [guidance for Supporting Documents](#). The career overview report must, nonetheless, demonstrate how they meet the competency criteria, and not comprise only a career history.

The Society recommends that a longer presentation is made at the start of the [interview](#) (approx. 30 minutes) to showcase a range of activities undertaken during their career, and which demonstrates the full range of the Chartership competencies.

