

Regulations Governing the Election of Fellows, Associates, Licentiates and Members Corporate

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Introduction

The Society has two classes of member: Member Non-Corporate and Member Corporate. All those applying to become members of the Society and whose applications have been approved by the Council are first elected as Members Non-corporate and may subsequently be transferred to the class of Member Corporate subject to their complying with the appropriate regulations.

The Society confers diplomas in colour knowledge on suitably qualified corporate members. Society diplomates comprise Fellows, Associates and Licentiates, who may use the titles Fellow of the Society of Dyers and Colourists (FSDC), Associate of the Society of Dyers and Colourists (ASDC), or Licentiate of the Society of Dyers and Colourists (LSDC) respectively. In addition, Fellows and Associates are entitled to describe themselves as Chartered Colourists (CCol).

Fellowship is conferred upon corporate members who have demonstrated to the Society their distinction in the knowledge and practice of colour.

Associateship (which is of honours-degree standard) is awarded to corporate members who have passed either the prescribed Society examinations or who possess a good honours degree (or equivalent qualification), and who have demonstrated to the Society their competence and the validity of their experience in the knowledge and use of colour.

Licentiateship is conferred upon corporate members who have passed the prescribed Society examinations, or have otherwise been awarded the Society's Diploma (previously Certificate) in Coloration, and have furnished evidence of having satisfactory experience in a colour-related discipline.

The above levels of diplomate status may be attained in various branches of colour studies covering different aspects of the production or use of colour and colorants.

REGULATIONS

Fellow of the Society

A Fellow shall

- (a) be a member of the Society
- (b) be at least 33 years of age
- (c) be an Associate of the Society or possess an appropriate university honours degree, or a qualification or achievement that demonstrates a level of knowledge and ability at least equivalent to attaining an honours degree in a colour-related discipline
- (d) have had a least ten years' experience in a colour-related occupation, which shall normally have been acquired subsequent to attaining one of the qualifications or achievements listed in (c) above, but some or all of which, if of sufficiently high standard, may have been acquired before attaining the qualification or achievement
- (e) have (i) submitted evidence of having attained distinction in a branch of industry related to colour
or (ii) submitted evidence of having contributed effectively to the advancement of the knowledge of colour

In furtherance of the above a candidate may be required to submit a satisfactory dissertation on an approved subject

- (f) have submitted his application on the official form obtainable from the Society and be sponsored by at least two corporate members, one of whom is a Fellow
- (g) have satisfied the Council that he is worthy of the status
- (h) have paid the prescribed fees.

Associate of the Society

An Associate shall

- (a) be a member of the Society
- (b) be at least 23 years of age
- (c) have
 - (i) passed the prescribed examination
 - or possess either
 - (ii) an appropriate honours degree or higher degree in a relevant discipline,
or
 - (iii) any other qualification deemed by the Society to be of similar level and content awarded as a result of an examination conducted or supervised by a professional society
- (d) have had at least four years' experience in an appropriate occupation, from which a reduction of not more than two years may be allowed to a candidate who is the holder of a qualification having an appropriate coloration content
- (e) have demonstrated his professional competence in applying his knowledge of colour either
 - (i) at interview or
 - (ii) by the submission of written evidence, such as a dissertation on an approved subject
- (f) have submitted his application on the official form obtainable from the Society
- (g) have satisfied the Council that he is worthy of the status
- (h) have paid the prescribed fees.

Licentiate of the Society

A Licentiate shall

- (a) be a member of the Society
- (b) be at least 23 years of age
- (c) have
 - (i) passed the prescribed examination, or
 - (ii) possess any other qualification deemed by the Society to be of similar level and content
- (d) have gained adequate experience in a colour-related occupation
- (e) have submitted his application on the official form obtainable from the Society
- (f) have satisfied the Council that he is worthy of the status
- (g) have paid the prescribed fees.

Member Corporate of the Society

A Member Corporate shall

- (a) already be a non-corporate member of the Society
- (b) be at least 23 years of age
- (c) have been adequately trained in a colour-related discipline or another professional occupation in any working environment in which colour plays a significant part
- (d) have submitted his application on the official form obtainable from the Society
- (e) have satisfied the Council that he is competent to deal with the Society's affairs and is worthy of the status
- (f) have paid the prescribed fees.

Additional Note for Applicants for the Society's Fellowship Diploma

Except in very special circumstances an applicant for Fellowship must have been a member of the Society for at least the previous two years before being eligible for election as a Fellow.

Additional Notes for Applicants for the Society's Associateship and Licentiate Diplomas by Examination

If you wish to apply to sit any of the Society's diploma examinations you should read the following notes.

1. You need to show that you possess a good general education, including mathematics and science.
2. You will be asked to provide detailed information of your training and experience in a colour-related occupation, ideally as part of a structure scheme of Continuous Professional Development (CPD).
3. You should be a member of the Society at the time of taking any part of the examinations. If you are not already a member at the time when you first apply to enter for the examinations, you should apply for Society membership at the same time. You must have been a member of the Society for at least the previous two years before you will become eligible for election as an Associate.
4. You will need to pay the prescribed fees when you first apply to sit the examinations (see enclosed leaflet for details of membership fees), and show you fulfil the age criteria specified in the regulations before a diploma can be awarded.
5. If you withdraw more than four months before the examinations are held, your fees can be carried forward in full to the following year or, in special circumstances, can be refunded. If you withdraw for any reason (other than for a certified medical reason) within four months of the examinations, or are otherwise absent from the examinations, no refunds will be made. Any interim increase in the fees will be payable on reapplication.
6. In addition to successfully completing the examinations, if you are a candidate for the Associateship you will be invited to attend an interview to demonstrate that you are worthy of the status in terms of your professional experience and attainment.

7. If you are a candidate for the Associateship in any branch of colour studies, you will be required to pass examinations in four core subject areas and to submit a dissertation on an approved topic. The examinations comprise:

Paper 1: Colour Physics

Paper 2: The Chemistry (Structural and Physical) of Dyes, Pigments and Auxiliary Chemicals used in Technological Processes

Paper 3: The Chemistry (Structural and Physical) of Polymers

Paper 4: Industrial Organisation and Management.

If you are a candidate for the for the Licentiatehip in any branch of colour studies, you will be required to pass examinations either (a) in any three of the core subject areas or (b) in one core subject and to submit a dissertation on an approved topic.

Examinations are normally held annually in May and may be taken at approved centres throughout the world. Papers may be taken in any order.

The dissertation, where required, should normally be submitted after completing the above examinations and a minimum of six months following the approval of the subject and title by the Society's Examinations and Accreditation Board.

The dissertation is intended to allow you to demonstrate your knowledge and experience in your own particular branch of colour. It should be between 7500 and 10 000 words in length, supplemented by appropriate diagrams, illustrations and other appropriate material, presented in bound form. You can expect to be invited to discuss your dissertation and your all-round professional experience at an interview. More detailed guidelines are available.

Additional Notes for Applicants for the Society's Associateship and Licentiatehip Diplomas by Exemption

If you wish to apply for either the Society's ASDC or LSDC diplomas without sitting examinations you should read the following notes.

1. To be considered for the Associateship diploma you must possess an appropriate honours degree or higher degree in a relevant discipline, or another qualification deemed by the Society to be of similar level and content awarded as a result of an examination conducted or supervised by a professional society. If you need further guidance please contact the Society.

2. To be considered for the Licentiate diploma you must possess an appropriate degree or another qualification deemed by the Society to be of similar level and content awarded as a result of an examination conducted or supervised by a professional society. If you need further guidance please contact the Society.
3. You will be asked to provide detailed information of your training and experience in a colour-related occupation, ideally as part of a structure scheme of Continuous Professional Development (CPD).
4. You must have been a member of the Society for at least the previous two years before you will become eligible for election as an Associate.
5. You will need to pay the prescribed fees before your application can be considered (see enclosed leaflet for details of membership fees), and show you fulfil the age criteria specified in the regulations before a diploma can be awarded.
6. If you are a candidate for the Associateship you will be invited to attend an interview to demonstrate that you are worthy of the status in terms of your professional experience and attainment. You may also be asked to submit a dissertation designed to allow you to demonstrate your knowledge and experience in your own particular branch of colour. If this is a requirement, the subject matter and length of the dissertation would be agreed between you and the Examinations and Accreditation Board. If appropriate, you could expect to be invited to discuss your dissertation and your all-round professional experience at interview.

The SDC Study Guide

Detailed guidance notes for each of the examination papers, plus advice and further details of the dissertation are published in the Society's Study Guide, which can be downloaded from the Society's website.

Past question papers are available at a nominal cost.

Forms

The necessary forms for intending applicants will be supplied on request.

The Society's Diploma in Coloration

If you want the Society's recognition for your academic achievement, and do not wish professional experience and competence to be taken into account, you may be awarded the Society's Diploma in Coloration. Please pay particular attention to the following notes.

1. You need to show that you possess a good general education, including mathematics and science.
2. You should be a member of the Society at the time of taking any part of the examinations. If you are not already members at the time when you first apply to enter for the examinations, you should apply for Society membership at the same time).
3. You will need to pay the prescribed fees when you first apply to sit the examinations (see enclosed leaflet for details of membership fees).
4. Before the diploma can be awarded you must either have passed any three examination papers, alternatively any one examination paper and the dissertation in the ASDC/LSDC examinations, or have passed other examinations deemed by the Society to be acceptable.
5. If your entry is based on having passed three SDC diploma papers, you must comply with the rules for Associateship relating to the maximum period allowed for completing the examinations.
6. If you are also a candidate for ASDC or LSDC, you will not be required to pay any additional fee or to make a separate application for the award of the diploma.
7. The award is based solely on your performance in the Society's diploma or other examinations; there is no professional experience requirement.
8. If you passed any of the SDC diploma examinations prior to 2000, you may be eligible to apply for the Diploma in Coloration award, provided you passed at least three papers in the examinations, are currently a member of the Society and have paid the prescribed fees.
9. The subjects passed will be recorded on the diploma certificate in each case.

Honours Degree Status of ASDC

The ASDC was introduced in the 1950s as an honours degree standard, professional qualification by examination and was recognised as such by the relevant committees of the time. The changes in examination format and content since its conception have always been such as to maintain or enhance this established honours degree standing.

UK universities offering relevant academic programmes have accepted ASDC as an honours degree equivalent for the purpose of admitting students to postgraduate studies leading to Masters or Doctorate degrees.

Additional Notes for Applicants for the Membership Corporate of the Society

If you are applying to become a Member Corporate please provide the following information on the appropriate application form.

1. Personal details, nature of employment and courses of study and the names of two sponsors, who should both be Corporate Members of the Society. If you do not know any Corporate Members of the Society, this does not mean you cannot be successful in your application, but please contact the Society for further details.
2. Evidence of having received a good general education and of having been adequately trained in colour-related studies. In this context 'colour-related studies' will be interpreted to include any professional occupation in any working environment in which colour plays a significant part.
3. A list of all the qualifications held.
4. Evidence of having adequate experience in one or more branches of colour-related activities or associated disciplines.

Certificates

Any certificate provided in relation to the award of a Society diploma remains the property of the Society and as such must be surrendered to the Society on the request of an authorised officer.

Contact

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