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PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

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THE SCIENCE COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

Over 40 member organisations representing over 400,000 individuals working across science from:

- Food to Physics
- Soil to Psychology
- Microbiology to Mineralogy

Strong collective voice on policy and professionalism

THE SCIENCE COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

The Science Council was established by Royal Charter in 2003 to advance science and its applications for public benefit.

The Charter gives the science council powers to confer professional recognition to scientists through registration:

- Registered Science Technician (RSciTech)
- Registered Scientist (RSci)
- Chartered Scientist (CSci)
- Chartered Science Teacher (CSci Teach)

THE STORY SO FAR

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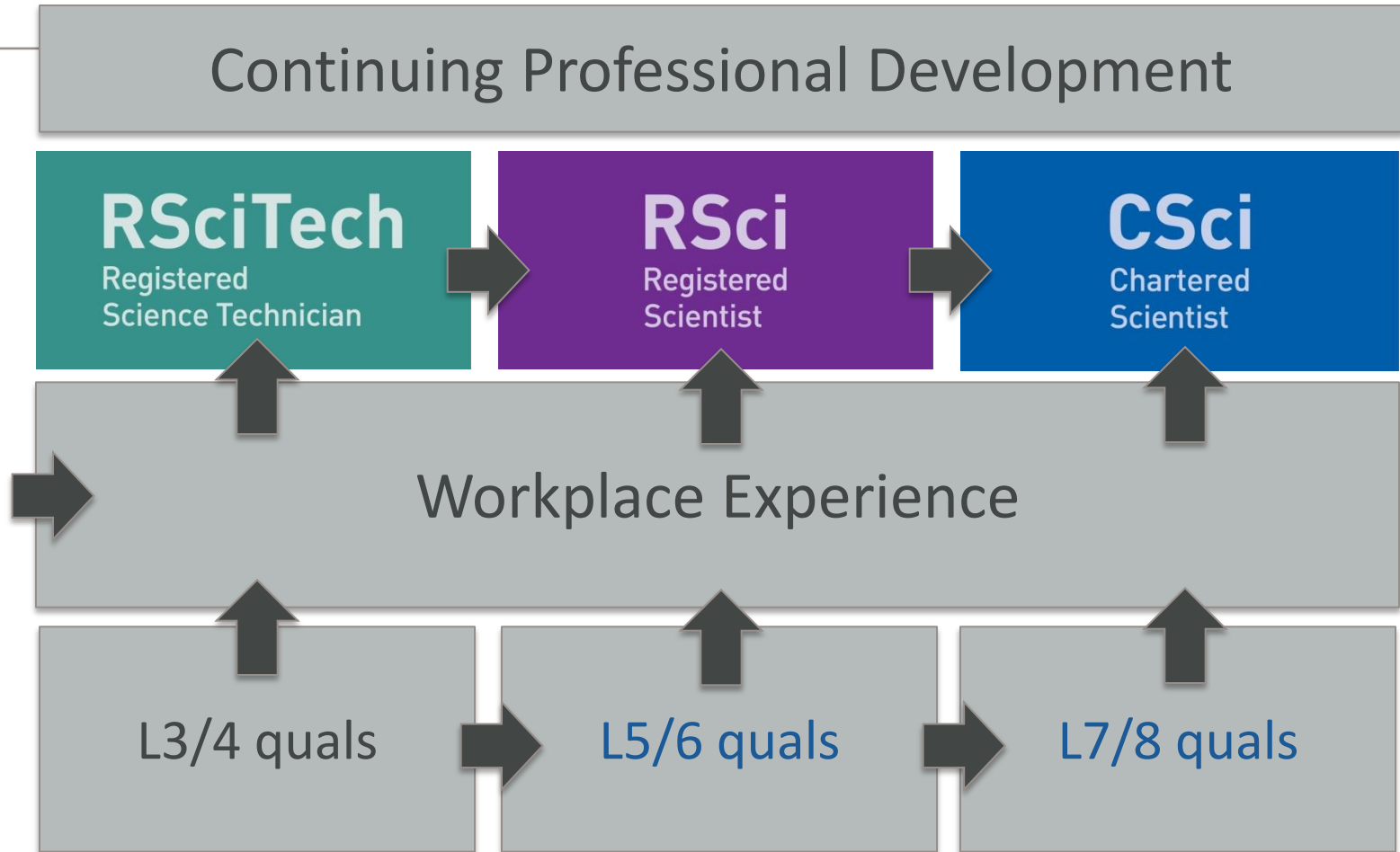
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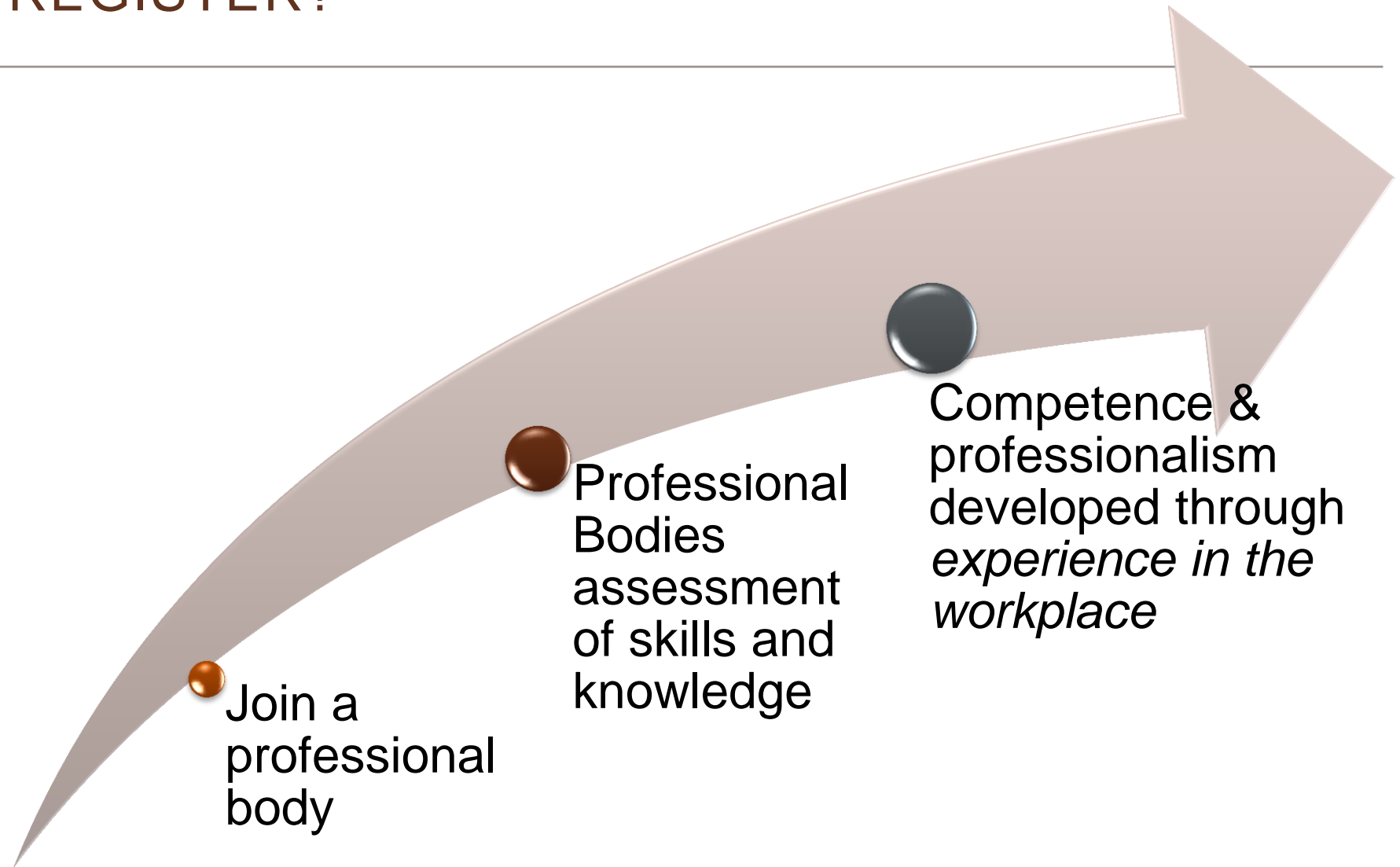
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THE PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK



HOW DO I GET ONTO THE REGISTER?





IChemE ADVANCING
CHEMICAL
ENGINEERING
WORLDWIDE

**Institute
of Water**





The British
Psychological Society

Promoting excellence in psychology

IOP Institute of Physics



Nuclear Institute

COMPETENCES FIVE KEY AREAS



COMMITMENT TO CPD

1

maintain a continuous up-to-date and accurate record of your CPD

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demonstrate that your CPD is a mixture of learning activities relevant to your practice

3

seek to ensure that your CPD benefits the quality of your practice

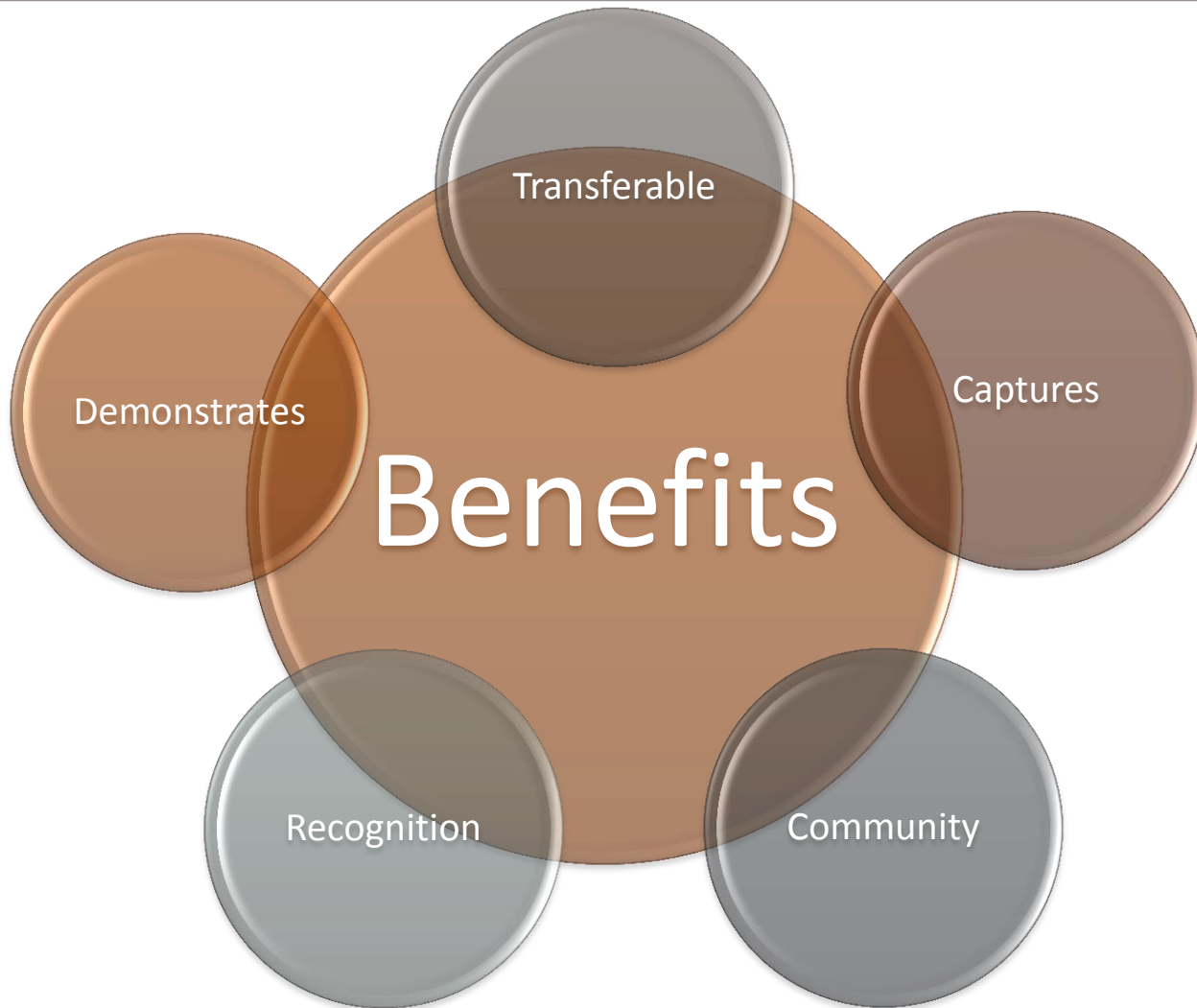
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seek to ensure that your CPD benefits the users of your work

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present a written profile containing evidence of your CPD on request

WHY GET REGISTERED?



BENEFITS OF REGISTRATION FOR EMPLOYERS?

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- Helps to recruit people to the right roles
- Better motivated staff means better productivity and better retention
- Demonstrates that they have high quality, competent, professional staff
- Provides assurance to regulators, funders and customers
- Commitment to staff development also helps to recruit the best

WHY IS PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION IMPORTANT?

Over 1.5 million technicians are employed in the UK, with as many as 700,000 more needed over the next decade to meet demands.

- We therefore need to increase the supply and status of technicians, developing intermediate-level skills in science, technology and engineering.
- Registration enables the sector to work with an industrial standard rather than needing to understand the plethora of historic and new qualifications.
- The food and drink sector is so large that employees can enter the industry at many different levels requiring different qualifications and experience. Registration can help to make these pathways more transparent.

