

**Members (MIFST)** are professionals who have made a significant and continuing contribution to the development of food science and technology.

### Membership Assessment Panel Tariff System

To qualify for the Member level, you must be able to demonstrate the attainment of **80 points** (minimum) using the tariff system below. This is based on a combination of academic qualifications and knowledge gained through relevant experience. 10 points are awarded per each full year of relevant experience.

**N.B.:** points are awarded for your highest attained level of qualification only. Graduates from courses that include a recognised work placement period may count this time towards their relevant experience. Only post-secondary school experience may be counted.

Qualification	Points awarded from qualification	Relevant experience points required
PhD Food Science/Technology and closely related discipline <sup>1</sup>	80	0
MSc Food Science/Technology and closely related discipline <sup>1</sup>	60	20
BSc Food Science/Technology and closely related discipline <sup>1</sup>	50	30
BSc and higher degrees in other scientific and technological disciplines <sup>2</sup>	40	40
Foundation degrees/HND/HNC/NVQ IV in all scientific and technological disciplines <sup>1,2</sup>	30	50
No formal scientific or technological qualifications or those with non-science/ technological qualifications	0	80

### Examples of suitable subjects include:

1. Food science and technology degrees of which a major element is food plus another subject, e.g. nutrition, product development, chemistry, microbiology, marketing, management, consumer studies, biotechnology.
2. Science, technology and engineering subjects: e.g. nutrition, chemistry, biochemistry, physics, mathematics, biology, engineering, statistics, agriculture, environmental sciences, plus modular degrees which combine these subjects.

### Overseas Qualifications

Qualifications from non-UK/EU universities are welcome. However, to support your application we will need a statement of compatibility from NARIC. This can be obtained here:

<https://www.naric.org.uk/naric/individuals/Compare%20Qualifications/Statement%20of%20Comparability.aspx>

### Relevant experience

You can demonstrate the continuing development of your knowledge and skills through a wide range of employment within the food chain and associated organisations, education, training or personal study related to the field of food science and technology.

Examples of suitable employment include: food processing, food manufacturing, distribution, technical sales, food law enforcement, food retailing, food service, trade bodies, legal work, consultancy, central and local government departments and agencies, research, academia, teaching, media, etc.

The Membership Assessment Panel will use the following benchmarks when assessing your experience:

- Handling information - using scientific information, producing and interpreting data
- Communication skills (oral and written) - communicating effectively in oral and written formats
- Improving learning and performance - developing and identifying opportunities for skills development
- Planning and organisation - planning your work on a short-term and long-term basis
- Working with others - working as part of a team and networking with others
- Scientific skills - carrying out research effectively

### **Supporting documentation**

You will need to provide a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate that you have met the requirements for MIFST. Your portfolio should include:

- Application Form if not already an IFST member
- Details of one referee
- Current CV/LinkedIn profile. This should include details such as job roles and responsibilities held.
- Copy of highest qualification

You will also need to pay the registration fee where applicable.

### **Referees**

Your application should be supported by well-informed comments from one suitable referee. A suitable referee would be a senior professional in your field of work who is able to base their views on direct knowledge of your work experience and who can confirm the validity of your stated achievements.

It is preferable that your referee should be a Fellow or Member of IFST or another recognised professional body. Your referee should not be related to you or subordinate to you. Please communicate with your referee to let them know that we will be in contact before submitting their details to us.