

Facilities Management from A to Z



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The Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers received its Royal Charter in 1976. It is the professional body that exists to: *'support the Science, Art and Practice of building services engineering, by providing our members and the public with first class information and education services and promoting the spirit of fellowship which guides our work.'*

CIBSE promotes the career of building services engineers by accrediting courses of study in further and higher education, by approving work based training programmes and providing routes to full professional Registration and Membership, including Chartered Engineer, Incorporated Engineer and Engineering Technician. For qualified engineers, CIBSE offers a range of services, all focussed on maintaining and enhancing professional excellence throughout their career.

CIBSE is the standard setter and authority on building services engineering. It publishes Guidance and Codes which are internationally recognised as authoritative, and sets the criteria for best practice in the profession.

The Institution speaks for the profession and so is consulted by government on matters relating to construction, engineering and sustainability. It is represented on major bodies and organisations which govern construction and engineering occupations in the UK, Europe and worldwide.

Members belong to a global network of professional support and expertise. They receive a monthly CIBSE Journal and regular email newsletters, to keep them abreast of breaking news and new opportunities. A full programme of meetings and events each year offers opportunities for members to meet and learn from colleagues and experts, to explore new ideas and take part in continuing professional development (CPD).

Student and Graduate members can benefit from bursaries to help pay tuition fees, and advice which is tailored to their specific needs, aimed at obtaining registered status in the shortest possible time.

CIBSE is organised on a regional basis with 16 regions in the UK and 3 overseas, in the Republic of Ireland, Australia & New Zealand, and Hong Kong with CIBSE members in 87 countries outside the UK. There are country representatives in Sri Lanka, UAE and mainland China and a new one to be appointed in Qatar.

CIBSE has a number of Groups and Societies covering the wide scope of building services careers. This includes a facilities management Group which was formed in January 1996 as a result of demand by CIBSE members for a greater emphasis in this growth sector. It provides the opportunity for CIBSE members and the building services industry in general to make a substantial contribution to the continuous improvement of Facilities Management.

The mission statement for the Group is: To promote the application of Building Services Engineering to the continuing improvement of FM. As well as a programme of events, the group passionately believes in raising the FM profile and has achieved results of good cross team working with other Groups, Regions, the BIFM and providing valued FM input into guidance documentation.

Information about CIBSE and the CIBS Facilities Management Group can be found at www.cibse.org