Professional recognition

Your guide to programme accreditations, professional body qualification exemptions and student membership.
What is professional accreditation?

“Accreditation is an external formal recognition of competence which meets a general standard of quality.”

Programmes and modules that are accredited are acknowledged as excellent – the taught material will prepare you to work in this area and can lead to exemptions towards professional qualifications as your career progresses.
Our professional accreditations

Most of Sheffield University Management School’s BA and MSc programmes are accredited by professional bodies. Students graduating from an accredited programme will gain professional recognition or member status. You can also join the professional body you have been accredited by on graduation.
BA Accounting and Financial Management and its duals with Maths and Economics are accredited by five professional accounting bodies: The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA); the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA); the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA); Certified Practicing Accountants – Australia (CPA – Australia); and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

Their websites have lots of information about what they offer to students – look them up, or talk to the Employability Hub.

You should research our optional modules so you know which to choose to ensure exemptions for a qualification you take at a later stage. During your time at Sheffield you can become a student member of a professional body. After graduation you can continue this until completing their professional qualification. You will then be eligible to become a full member of the organisation and progress to Chartered member status.

For details on student membership please see the relevant professional body webpages.

Visit the Management Gateway for Accounting and Financial Management module exemption information: management.sheffield.ac.uk/student/professional-memberships
Further details on Chartered membership with the CMI can be found here:
managers.org.uk/individuals/become-a-member/get-chartered

Our MSc Management, MSc Management (International Business), MSc International Management, MBA and EMBA programmes are accredited by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI).

Student membership of CMI will give you access to job searches, mentoring, CPD, events and the Professional Manager magazine. You will also have access to ManagementDirect which is an online multimedia knowledge base providing resources such as e-learning modules, e-books, e-journals, interactive scenarios, leader videos and learning journeys.

Following graduation you will be eligible for full membership and progression to Chartered Manager status via the CMI’s ‘Qualified Route’.
Marketing

The Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) is the leading professional body for marketers worldwide. We’ve joined forces with CIM to give students the opportunity to gain professional qualifications through the CIM Graduate Gateway. CIM qualifications are highly sought after by employers and map alongside our degrees, which ensures we are equipping students with the best opportunities for a successful marketing career.

Postgraduate marketing students have the added benefit of a one-year membership package with CIM during their study at the Management School.

Further details on the CIM Graduate Gateway can be found here:
[Link to CIM qualifications graduate gateway]

Further details on BPS student membership can be found here:
[Link to BPS student membership]

MSc Occupational Psychology

Our MSc Occupational Psychology programme is accredited by the British Psychology Society (BPS) which is the professional body for psychologists in the UK. After graduating, you have met stage one of the requirements for Chartered Psychologist status, and will have full membership of the BPS’s Division of Occupational Psychology.

Student membership of BPS gives you access to publications, workshops and online resources, as well as opening up a network of contacts. On graduating, you can upgrade your membership, free of charge, from student member to graduate member.
MSc Human Resource Management

The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) is the professional body for HR and people development and our MSc Human Resource Management programme has exemptions towards the CIPD Level 7 Advanced Diploma in Human Resource Management.

This means students who register with CIPD as a student member will become a CIPD Associate member after successfully graduating from our programme. CIPD membership will give you access to the latest HR learning and development resources, development tools, networking opportunities and discounts. Continuing this beyond your studies will ensure your progression to achieving professional membership of the CIPD.

MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Our MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management programme is accredited by two professional bodies: the Chartered Institute for Logistics and Transport (CILT), and the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS). You can choose to become a student member of both professional bodies during your study at the Management School. Following graduation, you will be eligible for full membership and progression to Chartered Member.

Further details on student membership can be found here:
- CIPS: cips.org/en-gb/membership/access-your-member-benefits/studying-members
- CILT: ciltuk.org.uk/Membership/Join-today
If you have any questions, visit the Employability Hub or contact:

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For detailed information on programme exemptions and their relevance to your course, visit the Management Gateway:
🌐 management.sheffield.ac.uk/student/professional-memberships

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