



Chartered  
Institute of  
Housing

## EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL ROUTE

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**This programme is a route to CIH chartered membership aimed at experienced housing professionals who want to demonstrate they have the knowledge required to lead people and manage change. The programme recognises professional capability and previous qualifications and is a commitment to maintaining up-to-date knowledge of housing issues.**

### What does the programme cover?

The programme requires individuals to reflect upon both their professional capability and learning approaches, to demonstrate their knowledge of contemporary housing issues, and appropriate skills and behaviours for housing work.

The programme covers the following themes:

- contemporary housing issues
- knowledge, skills and behaviours
- reflective practice
- professionalism
- ethical behaviour
- professional development

### What does the programme cost?

For the latest programme fee please visit

[www.cih.org/charteredmembership/experiencedprofessionalroute](http://www.cih.org/charteredmembership/experiencedprofessionalroute)

### How will I be assessed?

There are two stages:

- stage one: A 5,000 reflective written assignment that has to be complete within four months of the start of your programme
- stage two: A professional interview which takes place once the assignment has been successfully completed

### The assignment

The assignment is broken down into three components:

- a reflection upon your current role in the housing sector
- four case studies which demonstrate your ability to think reflectively, act professionally and behave ethically.
- an evaluation of your future development needs and future contributions to the housing profession

### The professional interview

You will be required to deliver a presentation in front of a panel of experienced housing professionals. This will be followed by a series of questions, designed to encourage discussion, relating to the programme themes.

Individuals, both inside and outside the UK, will be notified of the arrangements for the interview after successful completion of the assignment. Successful completion of both the assignment and professional interview will confirm that you have achieved the standards for chartered membership.

## What are the benefits of completing the programme?

- all study is online - there are no course attendance requirements
- the first stage of the programme, the assignment, can be completed in four months
- the topics covered by the programme are relevant to a range of roles within housing
- the reflective assessment process supports personal and professional development
- the interview provides an opportunity to engage in conversation with experienced housing professionals
- you will achieve CIHCM and receive confirmation that you achieved CIHCM status through the EPR route

## How do I know if I am eligible?

Entry to the programme depends upon experience and previous qualifications. You need to meet one of the three eligibility routes below:

- you've worked in housing or the built environment for five years, two of which are at management level **and** you have a degree level qualification or a minimum Level 4 CIH qualification
- you've worked in housing or the built environment for three years and you are a fully qualified member of another professional body
- you have more than five years experience working as a senior manager or head of service in a housing organisation.

If you work in an academic setting you can access the programme providing you can evidence practical understanding/experience of housing through some or all of the following:

- you might have worked in housing practice before you became an academic or are currently a board member of a housing association or a similar organisation.
- you have researched and published on an aspect of housing practice
- through your teaching, you disseminate information on housing practice, and how skills and competences to work in the housing sector can be developed and enhanced.

## What support will I receive?

As well as having access to online learning materials designed to support the specific themes of the programme, you will also be allocated a tutor who will advise on academic requirements of the programme and who will assess your assignment.

You will be advised to secure a mentor from housing practice who can offer support, guidance and advice from a professional practice perspective.

## APPLY NOW

Apply online at [www.cih.org/qualifications](http://www.cih.org/qualifications).

For more information, call our friendly team on **024 7685 1700 opt 2** or email us at [housing.academy@cih.org](mailto:housing.academy@cih.org)

*"The learning I undertook as part of the experienced professional route has enabled me to identify areas for improvement in my day-to-day roles, and has also fine tuned the tools I have available to put successful change management into place."*



**Jameel Malik**, head of service delivery at Cotman Housing Association