

IWFM's new route to CIWFM recognises sector's seasoned professionals

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On 24th September, The [Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management](#) (IWFM) launched an [Experiential Route to CIWFM](#). This enables workplace and facilities management (WFM) professionals to become certified using applied experience, broadening the recognition and validation of professionalism from academic qualifications.

The new route is designed for those whose competence is derived from a robust portfolio of skills and knowledge gained on the job rather than via a formal academic route. Created in response to community feedback, it provides a longed-for pathway for highly experienced professionals to attain the recognition that IWFM Certified status in WFM provides. An opportunity until now unavailable to many who have held strategic positions for decades.

The Experiential Route to CIWFM becomes the third route to Certified status offered by the Institute and complements the existing pathways, which are either an IWFM Level 6 qualification or a facilities management or related qualification plus three years of experience.

IWFM CEO Linda Hausmanis said: "Workplace and facilities management can transform organisations. IWFM is dedicated to ensuring the profession thrives in today's globally competitive environment by underpinning it with globally recognised standards of competency.

"The Experiential Route to CIWFM creates a brand-new opportunity for highly experienced professionals whose professional competence comes from applied experience, rather than formal education. They can now be assessed against the Professional Standards and attain the recognition that they deserve.

"An experience-based pathway has long been on our members' wish list, and I'm thrilled that we have answered their call and together we step forward to broaden the professional base of this critical sector."

Details of eligibility, which include holding a senior or strategic role in workplace and or facilities management can be [can be found here](#).