**RSci, RSciTech and CSciTeach supporter information**

The designations **Chartered Science Teacher (CSciTeach)**, **Registered Scientist (RSci) and Registered Science Technician (RSciTech)** acknowledges the unique and demanding combination of knowledge, skills and expertise required by professionals in this field and recognizes the high professional standards that are in line with those maintained by other science professionals.

There is increasing demand across all sectors of the economy for science skills in associate professional and technical roles and the new registers will provide professional recognition for a section of the science workforce that is currently lacking in that. ASE’s role in this is to ensure the professional recognition of scientists and technicians entering the teaching profession.

This **Supporter information** sheet (**CRST5**) will help you complete a supporter’s statement which is an important element in applications for the Chartered Science Teacher designation and the Registered Scientist and Registered Science Technician designations.

The application for the award of **Chartered Science Teacher** designation must be supported by two individuals, called supporters. The principal supporter completes the supporter statement on the **CSciTeach Application Form** (**CST3A**). An additional supporter is nominated by the applicant. ASE will write to the additional supporters to confirm they support the application.

For **Registered Scientist** and **Registered Science Technician** designation - the application must be supported by one supporter. The principal supporter completes the supporter statement on the **RSci/RSciTech Application Form** (**CRST3B/C**).

The **General Requirements** (**CRST2**) for the award of RSci, RSciTech and CSciTeach and **Information for Applicants** (**CRST4**) provides further details of the standards required, which are further exemplified by the detail required in the **Application Form** (**CRST3A-C**).

You should have known the applicant professionally for at least three years and he/she should not be closely related to you, and you are familiar with their current role and practice.

Supporters must have personal knowledge of the candidate’s professional practice.

**The principal supporter is confirming:**

1. **that they have had sight of the original certificates highlighted in G2, and**
2. **that they have known the applicant professionally for at least three years and not closely related to the applicant, and**
3. **that they are not aware of any behaviour incompatible with a professional code of conduct (CRST8), and**
4. **that they support the applicant for the award of CSciTeach**

**In the case of those working in schools, for teachers and technicians, one supporter should be the Head teacher or equivalent who need not be a CSci or CSciTeach.** The other sponsor should normally be a CSci or CSciTeach. Where necessary candidates will be helped in identifying such a supporter and in exceptional cases a supporter will be approved by the Registration Board.

**For CSciTeach**

**Equivalence: (R5)** The requirement for the supporter to have chartered status is waived when the principal supporter is the applicant’s headteacher.

**Equivalence: (R6)** If additional supporters are not chartered, then a Science Advisor or someone of equivalent standing, can act as an additional supporter.

**For RSci**

**Equivalence: (R5)** The requirement for the supporter to have chartered or registered status is waived when the principal supporter is the applicant’s headteacher.

**For RSciTech**

**Equivalence: (R5)** The requirement for the supporter to have registered or chartered status is waived when the principal supporter is the applicant’s headteacher.

A supporter of an applicant is a serious undertaking. If you feel that the applicant is not yet ready, we hope you will assist him/her in gaining the necessary understanding or experience. The procedure depends, among other things, upon a reliable evaluation of the applicant’s professional standing and reputation.

Please assist by supplying the information requested, based upon your own personal, first-hand knowledge of the applicant. The registrar will contact supporters by email to confirm they support the applicant for professional registration (the registrar will also notify them if the application is successful)

**Further advice**

Please contact the registrar [registers@ase.org.uk](mailto:registers@ase.org.uk) if you have any questions

**Declaration by primary supporter** reproduced from **CSciTeach Application Form (CRST3A)**

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| The applicant for the award of CSciTeach must be supported by a principal supporter. Please give the name and contact details of your principal supporter, including email address. Further guidance for supporters can be found at **CRST5 Supporter Information**.  Name:  Role/status:  School or Organisation:  Address:  Tel  Work Email address  The principal supporter is confirming:   1. that they have had sight of the original certificates highlighted in G2, and 2. that they have known the applicant professionally for at least three years and not closely related to the applicant, and 3. that they are not aware of any behaviour incompatible with a professional code of conduct (CRST8), and 4. that they support the applicant for the award of CSciTeach   **Signed …………………………………………………………………………..**  **Date …………………………………..**  **We will then write to your principal supporter** to confirm receipt of the application and when you are awarded RSciTech  If the principal supporter wishes to write separately, they can do so by contacting the Registrar at registers@ase.org.uk  **Equivalence:** The requirement for the supporter to have registered or chartered status is waived when the principal supporter is the applicant’s headteacher. |
| Please provide thename and contact details (schools/college/institution and email address) of the person who will act as an additional supporter.  Name:  Role/status:  School or Organisation:  Address:  Tel  Work Email address  **We may write to the additional supporter** simply to confirm that they support the application, so please provide relevant contact details.  **Equivalence:** If additional supporter is not chartered, then a Science Advisor or someone of equivalent standing, can act as an additional supporter. |

**Declaration by primary supporter** reproduced from **RSciTech Application Form (CRST3B)**

The applicant for the award of RSciTech must be supported by a principal supporter.

Please give the name and contact details of your principal supporter, including email address.

Further guidance for supporters can be found at **CRST5 Supporter Information** (this document)

Name:

Role/status:

School or Organisation:

Address:

Tel:

Work Email address:

**The principal supporter is confirming:**

1. **that they have had sight of the original certificates highlighted in G2, and**
2. **that they have known the applicant professionally for at least three years and not closely related to the applicant, and**
3. **that they are not aware of any behaviour incompatible with a professional code of conduct (CRST8), and**
4. **that they support the applicant for the award of RSciTech**

**Signed …………………………………………………………………………..**

**Date …………………………………..**

**We will then write to your principal supporter** to confirm receipt of the application and when you are awarded RSciTech

If the principal supporter wishes to write separately, they can do so by contacting the Registrar at registers@ase.org.uk

**Equivalence:** The requirement for the supporter to have registered or chartered status is waived when the principal supporter is the applicant’s headteacher.

**Declaration by primary supporter** reproduced from **RSci Application Form (CRST3C)**

The applicant for the award of RSci must be supported by a principal supporter. Please give the name and contact details of your principal supporter, including email address. Further guidance for supporters can be found at **CRST5 Supporter Information**.

Name:

Role/status:

School or Organisation:

Address:

Tel:

Work Email address:

**The principal supporter is confirming:**

1. **that they have had sight of the original certificates highlighted in G2, and**
2. **that they have known the applicant professionally for at least three years and not closely related to the applicant, and**
3. **that they are not aware of any behaviour incompatible with a professional code of conduct (CRST8), and**
4. **that they support the applicant for the award of RSci**

**Signed …………………………………………………………………………..**

**Date …………………………………..**

**We will then write to your principal supporter** to confirm receipt of the application and when you are awarded RSciTech

If the principal supporter wishes to write separately, they can do so by contacting the Registrar at registers@ase.org.uk

**Equivalence: (R5)** The requirement for the supporter to have chartered or registered status is waived when the principal supporter is the applicant’s headteacher.