**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.

The application for the award of **Chartered Science Teacher** designation must be supported by **two individuals**, called supporters. The principal supporter is the applicant’s headteacher or equivalent. 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 will be contacted by the ASE.

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. Where the principal supporter hasn’t known the applicant for three years, it is usual to include an additional supporter who has.

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, the principal supporter should be the Head teacher or equivalent who need not be a CSci or CSciTeach.** The other sponsor should ideally be a CSci or CSciTeach.

**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** which will be requested by email

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