Environment Group

Required qualifications for your group:	Required experience for your group:
Degrees	On entry, exposure and mix of UK and overseas experience as an environment manager, natural resource manager,
Environmental sciences, environmental management or related first degree complemented by post-graduate	sustainable development advisor, environmental ecologist or other relevant technical role.
qualifications in (1) management or development studies or (2) a relevant specialist technical area.	This should include at least two years work experience in environmental policy and planning, which indicates a proved
A more general first degree (for example geography, economics, development studies) is acceptable if supplemented by a technical higher degree (for example environmental technology, environment and development,	ability to advice on environmental policy issues, as well as a degree of experience in developing country context, either on project or policy related work.
environmental economics etc)	For higher grades (A2 and A1) greater depth and breadth of relevant professional experience needs to be demonstrated,
Professional membership	including the role of environment in development and relevant policy work.
While Chartered Environmentalist status is not required for	
environment advisors, it is encouraged for A1 promotion candidates. Membership is also recommended to all environment advisors as an effective way of keeping their technical knowledge up-to-date.	For the senior grade (A1) corporate development agency experience is required, as well as in-country operational work and policy making practice. Familiarity with ministerial processes and working across Whitehall is also required. Candidates should be able to demonstrate a strong political
The most appropriate institution for membership depends on	awareness of how DFID operates and its corporate priorities.
an advisor's particular experiences and interests. Most	The candidate should have experience of either working on
relevant to DFID's work is the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES) or the Institute of Ecology and Environmental	key areas of development policy or at a strategic level with key development partners and be able to demonstrate
Management (IEEM). Advisors with an ecological	significant experience of influencing in-country processes
background could consider the Institute for Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA). Advisors with an	and policy-making at a senior level.

engineering background the Chartered Institute for Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) or the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE).

Professional accreditation

All these professional institutions offer Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) accreditation. Professional accreditation, where appropriate, should form part of the continuous professional development of an A2/A3 adviser.