

Requirements



The Society offers two professional accreditation schemes:

- [Registered Meteorologist \(RMet\)](#) ^[1]
- [Chartered Meteorologist \(CMet\)](#) ^[2]

These schemes are hierarchical, recognise different levels of professional competence and experience, and are consistent in concept and scope with similar accreditations that exist for other professions. The Royal Meteorological Society is the only body able to award Registered or Chartered Meteorologist status.

A feature of both schemes is that they are competency based to assess the application of knowledge of meteorological science and practice that can be demonstrated by extensive practical experience. Those not meeting the standard requirements, but who might still be eligible to be accredited, are recommended to view the guidelines in further detail ([click here](#)).

The main requirements for RMet and CMet are outlined below.

RMet is ideal for those in the early stages of their career and paves the way to becoming a Chartered Meteorologist in future years.

Scientific background

- Knowledge in physics, chemistry, mathematics or geography up to university entrance level

Meteorological science and practice

- Knowledge of meteorological science and practice as specified in the BIP-MT*

Experience

- About three years practical experience in meteorological services

Competence

- Evidence that the RMet competencies are satisfied and an ability to communicate clearly in English

CMet is the highest level of accreditation, and therefore is suited to someone with substantial experience in meteorology and related disciplines.

Scientific background

- Degree in any science, engineering or computational subject

Meteorological science and practice

- Knowledge of meteorological science and practice as specified in the BIP-M**

Experience

- Minimum of five years recent work at an appropriate professional level

Competence

- Evidence that the CMet competencies are satisfied and an ability to communicate clearly in English

All applicants are expected to:

- Be a member of the Royal Meteorological Society
- Abide by the code of conduct
- Commit to continued professional development

Read testimonials from employers and current RMet's and CMet's, [3] talking about how accreditation benefits them

Although many professional meteorologists work in organisations with management structures and offices, the Society welcomes applications for both RMet and CMet accreditation from individuals who work alone as meteorological consultants. In these circumstances, the requirements and procedures for the scheme may be adapted on a case-by-case basis to facilitate such applications.

*Material is set out in the WMO BIP-MT syllabus which covers basic physical, dynamical, synoptic and mesoscale meteorology and climatology, as well as meteorological instruments and observations. To view the full syllabus, click here [4] (Part III for RMet)

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[1] <http://www.rmets.org/node/27626>

[2] <http://www.rmets.org/node/27654>

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[4] http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/dra/etrp/documents/1083_Manual_on_ETS_en_rev.pdf