

Your future is with us

THIS MONTH

Working with our industry partners and why we do what we do

The national organisation supporting and representing energy assessors and associated professionals



Support

Here when you need us with our peer support

Highly regarded industry forum

Extensive knowledge and experience you can draw upon

Help, advice and guidance

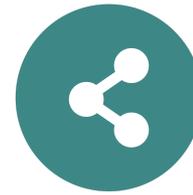


Representation

The national voice of energy assessors

Engaging with accreditation schemes and government departments on your behalf

Representing the interests of assessors on the conventions and other similar groups



Other Benefits

Industry leading Find A Member directory to generate enquiries for members

Access to free and reduced cost training or CPD

Discounts on software, training, CPD and registration fees with a number of organisations

Proficiency welcomes Quidos as an industry partner

Earlier this year we were very pleased to have Quidos join us in providing a CPD event

which was extremely well received. It combined our regular update and industry news with a 'best practice and further income streams' session delivered by Qidos.

Further collaboration in other areas has followed and we are happy to confirm Qidos as one of our full industry partners. We are working closely with them, along with our other industry partners, to achieve the best outcomes for our members and the wider energy assessor community. This partnership with Qidos acknowledges the shared values we have in supporting energy assessors, ensuring quality of assessments, and developing a sound market for our services.

By offering additional benefits to Proficiency members, Qidos are clearly demonstrating their commitment not just to their own accredited members but to supporting the wider energy assessor community.

We look forward to working with Qidos over the coming months and years, in ways that strengthen the voice of energy assessors and improve the regulations and guidance we have to work with.

Proficiency exists to support its members in ways the accreditation schemes cannot.

- 1) Accreditation schemes are the supplier and energy assessors are their customers
- 2) Accreditation schemes are the auditors and energy assessors are the audited

A key part of our role is to bridge those gaps for our members. By working more closely with the schemes as we are now able to do with Qidos, we can do so more effectively. That is beneficial for everyone.

Whoever you are accredited with, Proficiency membership gives you significant additional benefits, over and above the benefits you get from your scheme membership. Qidos recognise that together we can do more for you than we can separately, which is why Qidos are encouraging their members to consider joining Proficiency.

In recognition of our closer working relationship, Proficiency is offering a £20 discount on membership for Qidos members who join Proficiency before the end of October. If you are an existing Qidos member, they will be telling you how you can access this discount.

To see the benefits of adding a Proficiency membership to your accreditation membership (including the free CPD that comes with it) check the [Membership Benefits page](#).

To join us and access those benefits please use the [Application Form here](#)

For Proficiency members there is a 20% discount on all Qidos CPD modules. There are also introductory benefits for Proficiency members joining Qidos for the first time and full details are visible to members in the Members Area of the website.

The benefits of this partnership don't just stop there. We are also able to bring you special prices on zPlan floor plan software if you are a zPlan user and Proficiency member. Details are also on the [Membership Benefits page](#).

Proficiency membership could just be the best investment in your business you make this year. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

For more about Qidos visit www.quidos.co.uk

For more about zPlan visit www.zplan.co.uk

The PEPA conference is back and it is face-to-face

Proficiency will be at the PEPA Conference in Derby on 29th November 2022. Come and meet some of the Proficiency team, and talk to some of our members.

Sessions will include Retrofit, Green Finance Accelerator, Fuel Poverty and an update from Jessica Skilbeck, Director, Net Zero Buildings & Industry at BEIS.

This is likely to be a high value event for energy assessors across all strands and is a high point in the CPD calendar.

Tickets are £85 + VAT until the end of Monday, 31st October 2022, thereafter the price will be £95 + VAT so don't leave it until the last minute to book.

Tickets can be booked on Eventbrite using the link below.

For those who don't already know them, the Property Energy Professionals Association (PEPA) is essentially the trade body for the Accreditation Schemes. They have also been involved in the launch and implementation of the PAS 2035 standards, which involve Retrofit Assessors (RAs) and Retrofit Coordinators (RCs) via the TrustMark Quality Scheme.

Proficiency supports and represents Energy Assessor involved in the production of EPCs, DEC's and ACIRs. PEPA represents the Accreditation companies that oversee Energy Assessors in the production of EPCs, DEC's and ACIRs. The benefits of maintaining a close working relationship are clear.

[Book PEPA Conference Tickets](#)

An hour of CPD every month included in your membership

As part of Proficiency membership, we provide at least an hour of relevant online CPD every month, at no additional cost. 12 hours or more of CPD every year is included for our members.

In addition to this, there are regularly additional topic specific CPD sessions organised in conjunction with industry partners that are either free or at significantly reduced cost to our members. Virtually all of your mandatory annual CPD requirement can be met at zero or minimal cost through your Proficiency membership.

Recent sessions covered developments for Residential Property Surveyors, an update on Retrofit from Trustmark themselves, an industry wide update session and Part L and SAP 10 changes, Reports and Surveys, Best practice and further income streams, Hot Topics for the industry.

Coming soon we have...

19th October - One hour of CPD from SWIP on insulation.

The session will cover a lot of essential knowledge for energy assessors and retrofit professionals including how to know what you are looking at, what to recommend for certain situations and what to avoid in others. Topics will include solid wall insulation, underfloor insulation, roof and room-in-roof insulation.

(The cost is £20 for non members. Included for members).

Attend just a few of these sessions and you will save much more than the annual cost of your membership.

For more details or to book

As we grow, our members are growing too.

Win business with your directory listing and profile page

The searchable directory of Proficiency members is designed to win you business of the type you want, and in your local area.

Unlike most online directories (many of which cost as much as Proficiency membership or even more), we always show visitors their closest match. Someone further away cannot jump up the list by paying more, and there is no promotion of national panels ahead of local assessors. The Proficiency directory is all about connecting local clients with local members.

In addition, users can filter for the service they are looking for so you are promoted if you do what they need.

Members also have a unique profile page to give you a web presence to promote yourself and your business, even if you do not have your own website.

On top of this, members frequently pass work to other members.

Why pay for other directory listings when you can have a full feature listing and a profile page as part of your Proficiency membership? Check out the directory using the link below, then join us and get access to set up your own marketing on it.

The Proficiency Directory

Discounts with our other industry partners

Not that you should need any more reasons to join Proficiency, but we also have discounts for members set up with a number of other key organisations. These include...

DesignBuilder - Discounts on software and training (plus a dedicated DesignBuilder support section on our forum).

Metropix - Discounts on the full range of one off or subscription packages on their floor plan software.

Stroma - Discounts on training, CPD and annual Retrofit scheme membership fees.

Elmhurst - Discounts on training and CPD plus trial periods on enhanced software options. Discount on new Retrofit scheme memberships.

With the discounts and benefits we have in place, it is a pretty safe bet that it will be costing you more not to be a Proficiency member than it would to be a Proficiency member.

(Even more membership benefits are likely to be added soon).

Proficiency Membership Benefits

Where has Proficiency come from and where is it going?

A small group of assessors working together created DCHI, a local association based in the South West that has been able to influence changes at a national level to policy, conventions and EPC software.

Starting from a few trainee Home Inspectors meeting in a local pub in 2006 it has evolved into a collective voice for energy assessors across the country. Now known as Proficiency it is building relationships that will benefit all Energy Assessors and those working in associated professions.

The more members Proficiency has the more it can achieve for its members, so building a better business environment for all of us is a collective responsibility. For Proficiency to meet the needs of its members, it needs to be guided by input from its members. To put that into context, the most relevant part of the extensive list of member benefits would appear to be:

“Premium members can join the Proficiency 'Panel of Members', the steering group which guides the Directors. An opportunity to influence the services and future direction of Proficiency”.

Proficiency is transitioning from a local association to a national trade body. It is being developed with the specific intention of becoming a fully-fledged National Trade Association run by a board of trustees appointed by and accountable to its members.

That could be you!

Proficiency Chaiman Ian Sturt says..

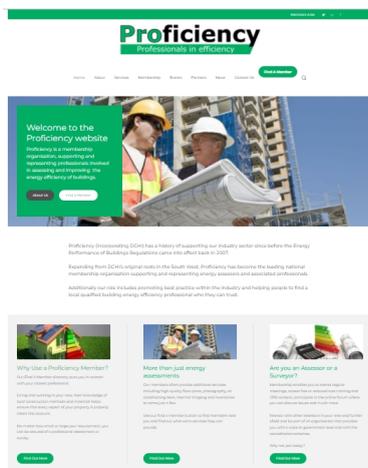
“Personally, I get a lot more satisfaction out of working for the collective good than I would out of just running my assessment business and keeping my head down. If you feel the same, you should be on the Proficiency Panel of Members. If you don't feel the same, then just by being a member of Proficiency you will be helping others to help you.”

In truth, you will probably save far more than the cost of membership simply by accessing a few of the free CPD sessions and using some of the available discounts. Proficiency membership should be a must-have for most assessors, even if influencing the future is not for you.

It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that it is cheaper to be a Proficiency member than it is not to be one.

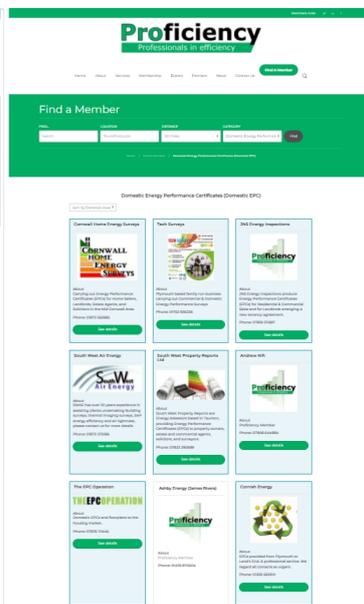
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The all new Proficiency website Your portal to a more successful future



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Public facing home page



Find a member

Searchable and filterable directory for generating local enquiries direct to members

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