

Notes for guidance for Graduate Statistician (GradStat) applicants

Graduate Statistician (GradStat) is a grade of professional membership of the Society. It provides formal recognition of a member's statistical qualifications.

The criteria for GradStat are the same as the academic criteria for the standard route to Chartered Statistician (CStat) status.

If you are not sure whether your qualifications fulfil the criteria, we would advise you to complete a mapping grid for the [Level 6 standards](#) or [Level 7 standards](#).

Applications should be made online via www.rssprofmembership.org.uk.

Criteria for GradStat status

To fulfil the requirements for GradStat, candidates must meet at least one of the following three criteria:

1.
 - a. a UK Bachelors degree of classification 2:2 honours or better (or equivalent under UK NARIC) that was, at time of award, on the list of the Society's accredited degrees [to be evidenced by a copy of the transcript and degree certificate];
OR
 - b. a UK Masters level degree of classification pass or better (or equivalent under UK NARIC) that was, at time of award, on the list of the Society's accredited degrees [to be evidenced by a copy of the transcript and degree certificate];

2.
 - a. a UK Bachelors degree of classification 2:2 honours or better (or equivalent under UK NARIC). Normally, the degree will include in its title either "Statistics" or "Mathematics". In all cases the degree must successfully map against the Society's [standards for qualifications framework level 6](#) [to be evidenced by a copy of the transcript, degree certificate and module/unit descriptions including learning outcomes];
OR
 - b. a UK Masters level degree of classification pass or better (or equivalent under UK NARIC). Normally, the degree will include in its title "Statistics". In all cases the degree must successfully map against the Society's [standards for qualifications framework level 7](#) [to be evidenced by a copy of the transcript, degree certificate, module / unit descriptions including learning outcomes and candidate's dissertation / research project (or equivalent)];
OR
 - c. more than one degree at UK Bachelors, Masters and/or Doctoral level (or equivalent under UK NARIC) of classification as given in 2 a.

and/or 2 b. Normally, the degrees will include in their titles either “Statistics” or “Mathematics”. The degrees must in combination successfully map against the Society’s [standards for qualifications framework level 6 or 7](#) [to be evidenced by copies of transcripts, degree certificates, module / unit descriptions including learning outcomes and candidate’s dissertation / research project (or equivalent)];

3.

The Society’s Graduate Diploma [this award can be verified from the Society’s records]. Exceptionally, where an applicant has partially completed the Graduate Diploma but does not hold the award, they may submit evidence of further study that must successfully map against the module syllabi of the Society’s Graduate Diploma (at the date of its withdrawal) for any modules the candidate did not complete [to be evidenced by a copy of module/unit descriptions and award letters for any further study].

For UK undergraduate Honours Degrees (including enhanced undergraduate degrees of the MMath type), the content must successfully map against the Society’s standards for qualifications framework Level 6. The statistical material can include a project if it is part of the curriculum. It is likely that single-honours specialist degrees in Statistics would meet this requirement. So also might degrees with titles such as Mathematics and/or with Statistics, or sometimes simply Mathematics, if there is substantial high-level statistics content. Joint degrees in Statistics and/or with other subjects where the high-level statistics content is substantial might also qualify.

For UK taught Masters degrees (usually MSc), the content must successfully map against the Society’s standards for qualifications framework level 7. MSc degrees specialising in statistics are likely to qualify.

For overseas degrees, a broad equivalence with UK degrees as set out above is required. The Society is normally guided by UK NARIC (the National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom) in assessing the level of overseas degrees. In some cases, the level of MSc is a necessary requirement.

For research degrees, whether at Masters level (often called MPhil) or at Doctors level (PhD), it will be necessary for an applicant to demonstrate a breadth of study as well as the depth that is inherent in research work which maps successfully against the level 7 standards. This might for example be achieved by taking some taught courses alongside the research work, or it might be implicit in an undergraduate degree obtained previously.

Assessment process for GradStat applications

All applications are considered by members of the Professional Affairs Committee (PAC). The Committee may defer the case, pending receipt of additional information and the RSS office will contact the applicant to request this.

Applicants who do not fulfil the criteria but appear to have suitable professional training and experience may be advised to apply for CStat status via the competence based route.

The RSS office is happy to liaise with applicants individually to help them determine which route is most suitable based on their individual circumstances.

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