**Chartered Geographer Professional Impact Statement**

*Guidance for writing your Professional Impact Statement
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The Professional Impact Statement is the most important part of your application and the quality of it will be the deciding factor for the assessors.

The Statement should be very different from your CV. It should be a holistic and integrated reflection of how your geographical experience and expertise are embedded in your career (with reference to the Framework of Competencies). In doing so, it highlights key achievements and professional contributions, and offers information about your professional engagement and impact. The Statement should clearly make the case for you being awarded Chartered Geographer.

While your CV and CPD record are the factual records of your career progression and professional development, your Professional Impact Statement should be more reflective, drawing out the connections between your work history, your professional development and your professional engagement and impact as a geographer.

You should read the following resources before starting:

* [Writing reflectively about your professional practice](https://www.rgs.org/professionals/developing-your-career/writing-reflectively-about-your-professional-practice)
* [Using professional engagement to have an impact in your career](https://www.rgs.org/professionals/developing-your-career/using-professional-engagement-to-have-an-impact-in-your-career)

You are encouraged to cross-reference details in your CV and CPD record to save on word count. The Statement should not be biographical in style or an extended CV (e.g. detailed explanation of work history and job changes without further reflection).

**Your Professional Impact Statement should clearly make your case for** being awarded Chartered Geographer, by:

* Clearly describing your relevant geographical experience and knowledge
* Clearly describing how you are applying your geographical knowledge, skills and understanding to your work
* Demonstrating how you are engaging professionally (e.g. in your team, organisation, sector or profession), and having an impact in your work through what you deliver and how you work with others
* Showing your commitment to continuing professional development and its support for your career
* Showing your commitment to engagement with the profession of geography and/or with the Chartered Geographer scheme
* Providing an explicit statement as to why you wish to become a Chartered Geographer

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