

PIPR New Entrants Category New to the Pig Industry or studying at college?

The Pig Industry Professional Register (PIPR) is the first CPD scheme to be launched in the livestock sector and is open to all staff within the industry, including students and people just joining the industry who are keen to develop their potential in the industry.

How do I qualify for this category?

To qualify for the PIPR “new entrant” category, you need to meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Be in full-time post-16 education
- Be registered on a Pig related course (including General Agriculture)
- Be working full time in agriculture, involving pigs, and be able to provide a supporting letter from your employer to say that they are supporting you with PIPR related training in order for you to gain 30 PIPR points which will then let you qualify to become a full member

What do I have to do?

As with all members of the PIPR, you need to achieve a certain number of points to remain on the register, for this category it is 30 CPD points during the two years.

Eg: 10 points by attending PIPR registered events
20 points by successfully completing entry qualifications for Stockperson grade (eg: NPTC Level 2 Certificate of Competence (CoC) in Basic Stockmanship and Welfare (Pigs) and NPTC Level 2 CoC in Pig Husbandry Skills)

How do I progress on to the full scheme?

By achieving the 30 points you will then be able to join the full register and you will be able to carry forward a maximum of 30 CPD points with your new membership. If you qualify for the stockperson grade before achieving the 30 CPD points, you will be able to become a full member and carry forward your points achieved to date.

How long can I be a member of the new entrant scheme?

The new entrant category is a stepping stone on to the full register, as such you are only allowed to stay in this category whilst in full time post-16 education or for a maximum of 2 years when in work. After this time, you will either have to join the full scheme or come of the register.

How much does it cost?

The “new entrant” category is free of charge. However, when you progress on to the full scheme you will have to pay the relevant membership fees.