

## Becoming an academy?

Is your school becoming an academy? Are you worried about your CLEAPSS membership? **DON'T PANIC!** There are several ways that academies can access CLEAPSS services.

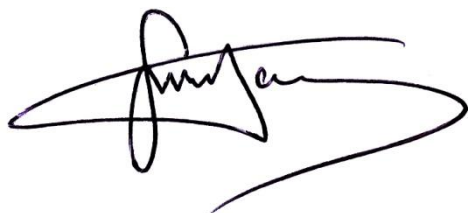
**Directly.** An academy can join to CLEAPSS directly by taking up Associate membership - for the costs of this, please see the guide to CLEAPSS services for members G001.

**Through your local authority.** Many local authorities continue to offer academies the opportunity to be members of CLEAPSS through them - they will charge you a fee for this but it is likely to work out cheaper than joining CLEAPSS directly - speak to the science adviser or health and safety officer in your local authority.

**Through another local authority.** If your local authority is not offering CLEAPSS membership to academies in its area you may be able to join CLEAPSS through a neighboring one.

**The CLEAPSS RPA service.** Any school that holds radioactive materials must, by law, appoint a Radiation Protection Adviser. The CLEAPSS RPA service is a cost effective way to do this. At the moment you cannot join the service directly through CLEAPSS - you must join through a Local Authority or other brokering organisation (this is because the service relies on the existence of a locally appointed Radiation Protection Officer). If your local authority is not offering this service then you may be able to join through a neighboring one or through one of the independent H&S providers licensed by CLEAPSS to provide the service. Contact CLEAPSS for details. Remember, you must be a member of CLEAPSS to join the CLEAPSS RPA service.

**Making the case for CLEAPSS membership.** If you find yourself needing to argue the case for CLEAPSS membership in your school, you can download a document "Why CLEAPSS ?" from the membership section on the CLEAPSS website [www.cleapss.org.uk](http://www.cleapss.org.uk) to help you organise your thoughts.



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