

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.

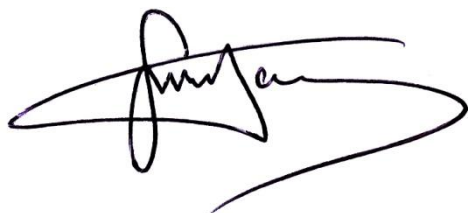
Directly. An academy can join to CLEAPSS directly by taking up Associate membership - for the costs of this, please see the guide to CLEAPSS services for members G001.

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 to help you organise your thoughts.



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