

ALT Certified Membership (CMALT) and recognition for the various grades of Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and accreditation of an institution's staff development provision.

Following recent discussions between the Association for Learning Technology (ALT) and the Higher Education Academy (HEA) focusing on ALT's certified membership scheme and its relation to the [UK Professional Standards Framework for teaching and supporting learning in higher education](#) (UK PSF), we have agreed that many of the areas, knowledge and values in the two schemes are congruent and in some cases significantly overlapping. The frameworks also share essential aspects of underlying philosophy.

Holding CMALT is therefore likely to provide relevant evidence for an individual who works in higher education to help gain recognition within the UKPSF.

It is further likely that an appropriate choice of specialised area within CMALT will lead to increased overlap with UKPSF.

In addition, use of CMALT with appropriate categories of staff as a component of an institution's staff development activity is likely to provide evidence that the institution's staff development provision aligns with the UK PSF, and thus be relevant to that institution's accreditation by the Higher Education Academy.

Currently we are undertaking a mapping exercise between CMALT and UKPSF with a view to spelling out in detail which areas will be covered (where the overlaps lie). We intend to complete this and give a fuller statement by March 2014.

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For information about CMALT see <http://www.alt.ac.uk/get-involved/certified-membership> .
For information about accreditation and on recognition by the Higher Education Academy see <http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/ourwork/institutions/accreditation> and <http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/ourwork/professional/recognition>.

Update June 2014: Work to agree further guidelines for CMALT candidates with the HEA is still in progress.