

Dear Student/Introductory Member,

We are excited to inform you that with the sealing of the Royal Charter, we will be transitioning to the Chartered Institute of Brewers and Distillers (CIBD) on 1st January 2025 subject to the approval being given at the forthcoming Annual General Meetings and subject to third party consents. If the transfer date changes, we will let you know.

This will help drink industry professionals set themselves apart, like other Chartered professions in engineering and accountancy, and will help us build public trust and confidence in the industry.

Becoming Chartered means that our membership categories are going to change. Here are some of the key details about your membership and the key difference that will come into effect on 1st January 2025.

- Your IBD membership will automatically transition to the equivalent CIBD membership of Student membership. You do not need to take any action.
- You will still enjoy the discounted membership and all the benefits associated with it.
- When your membership is up for renewal, you will have the option to choose from other relevant categories.
- With the Chartership, we are committed to creating a continuous professional development pathway for professionals in the industry. As a student member of the CIBD currently pursuing a qualification with us or at a university, you will not be able to vote at the CIBD AGMs, stand for election as trustee or use the CIBD post-nominals. When you have completed your studies and are admitted to a voting membership of CIBD, you will be able to do all the things listed including use the post-nominals.
- You will not be bound by the Code of Conduct or required to undertake CPD.

The proposal for the IBD to be incorporated by Royal Charter was hugely endorsed by our members at the Extraordinary General meeting held in June 2022 and the goal of the Chartership is to help our members to thrive in their careers, however, if you no longer want to be a member then please email us at ibdmembers@ibd.org.uk.

We look forward to sharing more of our plans for the future of the Chartered Institute of Brewers and Distillers (CIBD) with you soon, including more information about our upcoming AGMs.