



INSTITUTE OF  
BREWING &  
DISTILLING

## Information

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## General information

**‘Global membership continues to grow...’**

**‘Members in over 90 countries’**

**‘From multinationals to independent micro operations’**

The Institute of Brewing & distilling (IBD) is a members’ organisation recognised worldwide throughout the professions of malting, brewing, distilling and cider making. With over 5,000 members from over 90 countries, the IBD is the largest global professional body for these professionals and the only one that has a worldwide footprint. The Institute brings many advantages to individual members and their employers and offers an excellent resource for career development.

**The IBD’s objective is:**

**The advancement of education and professional development in the science and technology of brewing, distilling and related industries**

The IBD offers a range of professional qualifications via rigorous examinations, full details of which are given later in this brochure. The examination syllabus, questions and marking are all directed by a board of examiners drawn from industry experts across the world, ensuring that the learning is relevant, candidate assessment is fair and the standards allow for international benchmarking.

Recognised as a global standard, over 3500 candidates register to sit IBD examinations every year at more than 200 centres worldwide.

**For more information:**

Website: [www.ibd.org.uk](http://www.ibd.org.uk)

Email: [Info@ibd.org.uk](mailto:Info@ibd.org.uk)

**Member benefits include:**

Access to IBD qualifications that are positioned to help career development from entry level qualifications to senior operational and technical leadership.

The monthly Brewer & Distiller magazine which is full of news, industry reviews, technical articles designed to educate and articles designed to support professional development. Contributing authors are drawn from industry leaders and experienced members.

The Journal of the Institute of Brewing is published quarterly. Papers are drawn from researchers across the globe and reviewed by an International editorial board before publication — access is available for the full back library also.

All sections of the IBD arrange regular technical meetings, plant visits and other member interaction activities within the regions. These are in addition to the larger conferences, conventions and symposia (IBD members are given special rates), all providing fantastic networking opportunities with like-minded people.

Training courses are offered using independent trainers and training companies that are accredited to IBD standards. Increasingly, distance learning is being supported including self-directed learning modules developed by the IBD.

Networking opportunities provided by various sections around the world include seminars and continued professional development events that are increasingly being made available to members via the Internet.

Access to the Learning Zone which has contemporary IBD approved material drawn from a variety of sources to provide knowledge and learning material.

IBD membership provides the opportunity to benefit from many scholarships and awards on offer.

## Membership

Membership is open to all and is administered on a geographic base with the following sections across the world:

- Africa
- Asia Pacific
- International (Europe & Americas)
- Irish
- UK Great Northern
- UK Midlands
- UK Scottish
- UK Southern

Membership runs for a calendar year:

1st January 2019—31st December 2019

The IBD offers various categories of membership:

### New and existing members

#### Standard Member—£140 p.a.

Membership is open to all on application which gives access to all IBD benefits

#### Student Member—£46 p.a.

This is for applicants who are in full-time study at a tertiary institution.

#### Introductory offer—£46 p.a.

A reduced rate is offered and only applies to those who register for the Fundamentals or General Certificate examinations (Certificate Membership). The reduced rate is available for the first three years as a Certificate member after which time the subscription level reverts to the full Standard Member rate. Existing members are not eligible for the introductory offer.

### Existing members

#### Member in Retirement—£46 p.a.

A reduced rate offered to retired persons with 20 years of membership of the IOB, IGB or IBD who have reached the age of 55. Alternatively, retired members can commute to 'Life Membership' of the IBD by paying a one off fee consisting of 10 years of the current retired membership rate.

#### Life Member

Membership is free after 40 consecutive years membership of the IOB, IBG, IGB or IBD.

#### Fellow

Fellowship is the highest membership grade of the IBD. Fellows are nominated and will be distinguished IBD members with substantial experience and responsibility in the field of brewing, fermentation, distilling, malting and packaging or associated industries.

#### Honorary Member / Honorary Fellow

Available to persons determined through Council, according to merit.

To join the IBD or if you have any membership enquiries, please contact us:

Web site: [www.ibd.org.uk/membership/](http://www.ibd.org.uk/membership/)

Email: [membership@ibd.org.uk](mailto:membership@ibd.org.uk)

## Qualifications

Qualifications sit at the heart of what the IBD is all about—ensuring that all members have up-to-date and relevant underpinning knowledge to enable them to manage their professional development and career choices. This underpinning knowledge is the platform that fuels continuous improvement, performance excellence and an innovative future.

The IBD offers a carefully crafted series of examinations that are designed to help new entrants to the industry progress their career, to enable those with some technical background to reach various milestones of technical proficiency and culminating in the most exacting of qualifications that prepare candidates for technical leadership roles at the highest level.

**Fundamentals:** these qualifications are suitable for technical staff completely new to the industry and for all non-technical staff involved in our industries who would find their careers enhanced by having the requisite fundamental knowledge in order to engage with their technical counterparts — these are often functions such as marketing, sales, finance, HR and some supply functions.

Two qualification courses are offered:

Brewing and packaging beer, Distilling

**Key facts:** all learning material provided by the IBD: elearning online: 2 hour multiple-choice exam (online at an exam centre)

**General certificate:** These qualifications are a measure of the basic knowledge required in different disciplines. Typically a candidate will be employed as a senior operator or team leader in a plant, however, the scope of these examinations will enable candidates from small operations to obtain this recognised qualification. The following qualifications offered:

Brewing, Distilling, Malting, Packaging of Beer, Packaging of Spirits, Traditional African Beer

**Key facts:** all learning material provided by the IBD: 2 hour multiple-choice exam (online at an exam centre), 16-20 modules requiring 2-3 hours study per module. NB GCB (Brewing is available on-line and distilling on-line from April 2019)

**Diploma:** the objective of this qualification is to give international recognition of the attainment of comprehensive knowledge and underpinning science and applied technology in the chosen field of study. The following qualifications offered:

Brewing, Distilling, Packaging

**Key facts:** the exam is split into three different papers. Each paper requires at least 120 hours study. Each exam is three hours long and contains a mix of short and essay type questions. Some learning material is provided but candidates are expected to ensure they have adequately prepared against the syllabus. Exams can be taken in any order over multiple years.

**Master:** This is the IBD's most senior examination and requires the diploma (or exemption) as an entry requirement. It is a mixture of theoretical knowledge and demonstration of practical competency and it is preferable that candidates have at least five years operational experience. There are four examined modules and a dissertation. The following qualifications are offered:

Master Brewer, Master Distiller

**Key facts:** each exam paper is two hours long comprising multiple-choice and essay questions. 3 to 4 hours per week per module is required. Exams can be taken in any order over multiple years. No formal learning material is provided.

### Brewer's Diary

In addition to the formal qualification above, a certificate of completion is awarded to successful applicants who complete the **Brewer's Diary** programme. This is a self study program based on the fundamentals of brewing and packaging beer syllabus and directs learners to find out answers in their own operations using a specifically constructed set of questions designed to promote action learning. Completed work books are returned to the IBD for formal assessment. It is aimed at those candidates who have just started their production careers in a brewery.

#### FUNDAMENTALS

Non-production staff in industry / entry for technical / operational staff



#### GENERAL CERTIFICATE

Foundation knowledge for operators / technicians / team leaders / craft brewers



#### DIPLOMA

Comprehensive knowledge and theory. Professional springboard for managers and specialists



#### MASTER

Deep knowledge coupled with operational experience for Senior technical leadership

## Examination dates and fees

Examination	Early Application Deadline £50 DISCOUNT off full fee for early application	Final Application Deadline	Examination Date	Full fee* (incl VAT)
<b>Brewer's Diary (IBD)</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	£240 (£288)
<b>Fundamentals:</b>				
Brewing and Packaging Beer (FBPB)	31 January 2019	1 March 2019	8 May 2019	£255 (£306)
Distilling (FD)	& 31 July 2019	& 1 September 2019	& 13 November 2019	
} Dates are offered twice a year for Fundamental and Certificate Examinations				
<b>General Certificate:</b>				
<b>New</b> Distilling (GCD) includes self-directed on-line course (available from 1 April 2019)	31 July 2019	1 September 2019	13 November 2019	£355 (£426)
Brewing (GCB) includes self-directed on-line course	31 January 2019 & 31 July 2019	1 March 2019 & 1 September 2019	8 May 2019 & 13 November 2019	£355 (£426)
Distilling (GCD)	31 January 2019	1 March 2019	8 May 2019	£255 (£306)
Malting (GCM)	} 31 January 2019 & 31 July 2019 } Dates are offered twice a year for Fundamental and Certificate Examinations	1 March 2019	8 May 2019	} £255 (£306)
Packaging Beer (GCP-B)		&	&	
Packaging Spirits (GCP-S)		1 September 2019	13 November 2019	
Traditional African Beer (GC-TAB)				
<b>Diploma:</b>				
Brewing (DB)	Module 1—31 January 2019	1 March 2019	4 June 2019	£455 (£546)
(available in English and French)	Module 2—31 January 2019	1 March 2019	5 June 2019	Per module
Distilling (DD)	Module 3—31 January 2019	1 March 2019	6 June 2019	
Packaging (DP)	<b>Membership is not required; Institution and organisation discounts are available. Concessionary prices are available for students in FULL TIME education. Email examsadmin@ibd.org.uk for details.</b>			
<b>Master:</b>				
	Module 1—31 January 2019	1 March 2019	4 June 2019	£325 (£390)
Master Brewer	Module 2—31 January 2019	1 March 2019	5 June 2019	Per module
Master Distiller	Module 3—31 January 2019	1 March 2019	6 June 2019	
	Module 4—31 January 2019	1 March 2019	7 June 2019	
	Module 5—30 September 2018	N/A	Dissertation	
<b>Membership is a requirement in the year that the exam is to be written</b>				

\* Fees may be subject to VAT

*Recognition of prior learning may be granted for Masters applications where Diploma exams have not been taken. Contact the IBD for the exemptions policy.*

### How the examination process works:

Sitting at the heart of the IBD is the examination process which is unmatched by others in our industries and provides for truly global qualifications. The examiners are experts drawn from across the world from our industries and they are responsible for setting and maintaining each syllabus that will be examined and setting and marking exam papers. Examiners report to a Board of Examiners that maintains standards, ensures fairness and alignment between industries. After completing the exam, your paper is either marked on line or exam papers are sent to examiners by courier who mark the scripts, prepare detailed feedback and results are released to candidates after full Quality Assurance checks have been completed by the Board.

### To apply for examinations:

Go to [www.ibd.org.uk](http://www.ibd.org.uk)

Create your MYIBD account and log into your MYIBD account

Navigate to Qualifications > Examinations

Select the examination you are interested in

Purchase using the "Book now" button

**Questions? E mail us at [examsadmin@ibd.org.uk](mailto:examsadmin@ibd.org.uk)**

## Revision & exam preparation courses 2019

To complement our examinations, we have approved independent trainers to help you in your learning journey and to prepare you for the written tests. Revision course fees **DO NOT** include accommodation or examination fees for which a separate application is required.

As we are continually adding approved trainers to our list, please do not hesitate to get in touch to see what the best solution is for you—check our the Approved trainers section on the web or email us at [training@ibd.org.uk](mailto:training@ibd.org.uk)

Course	Date	Location	Price* (incl VAT)
<b>Fundamentals:</b>			
Brewing and Packaging Beer (FBPB)	To be confirmed (October 2019)	Scotland	£660 (£792)
Designed to take you through the full syllabus	1-4 April 2019	IBD HQ London	£660 (£792)
Distilling (FD)	12-15 March 2019	IBD HQ London	£660 (£792)
Designed to take you through the full syllabus	To be confirmed (September 2019)	Scotland	£660 (£792)
<b>General Certificate in Brewing (GCB)</b>			
Designed to take you through the full syllabus	To be confirmed	IBD HQ London	£660 (£792)
<b>General Certificate in Distilling (GCD)</b>			
Designed to take you through the full syllabus	18-21 February 2019	Scotland	£660 (£792)
<b>Diploma in Brewing—Full week</b>			
Designed to prepare you for the exam by reviewing body of knowledge, answering questions and doing past exam examples. Candidates should not rely on this as their sole preparation for the exam.	Module 1: 8-12 April 2019	IBD HQ London	£1320 (£1584)
	Module 2: 18-22 March 2019	IBD HQ London	£1320 (£1584)
	Module 3: 4—8 March 2019	IBD HQ London	£1320 (£1584)
<b>Diploma in Brewing—Split weeks</b>			
Designed to prepare you for the exam by reviewing body of knowledge, answering questions and doing past exam examples. Candidates should not rely on this as their sole preparation for the exam.	Module 1—25/26 March, 15/16 April & 7 May 2019	IBD HQ London	£1320 (£1584)
	Module 2—27/28 March, 17/18 April & 9 May 2019	IBD HQ London	£1320 (£1584)
	Module 3—1/2 April, 22/23 April & 10 May 2019	IBD HQ London	£1320 (£1584)
<b>NEW On-line Tutored Learning module 1</b>			
Improved e-learning materials, tutor guidance, increased interactivity, learn as a group	Starts January 14th 2019 for 18 weeks	On-line	£990 (£1188)
<b>Diploma by Distance Learning</b>			
Diploma in Brewing modules 2 & 3	Brewing: January—May 2019	Distance learning	£935 (£1122)
Diploma in Distilling modules 1, 2 & 3	Distilling: January—May 2019	Distance learning	£935 (£1122)
Diploma in Packaging modules 1, 2 & 3	Packaging: January—May 2019	Distance learning	£935 (£1122)
E-learning learning material and online webinars			
<b>Master Brewer</b>			
Designed to prepare you for the exam by reviewing body of knowledge, answering questions and doing past exam examples. Candidates should not rely on this as their sole preparation for the exam.	Module 1: 26–28 February 2019	Stowmarket UK	£795 (£954)
	Module 2: 5-7 February 2019	IBD HQ London	£795 (£954)
	Module 3: 12-15 February 2019	IBD HQ London	£1060 (£1272)
	Module 4: 19-22 February 2019	IBD HQ London	£1060 (£1272)

\* Price may be subject to VAT

Questions? Email us at [training@ibd.org.uk](mailto:training@ibd.org.uk)

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