

Proposed changes to IBC membership 2026

Honorary Membership

Current and future honorary members of the Institute must agree to be bound by the updated Code of Conduct, or forfeit their membership.

Corporate Membership

1. Definition

A Corporate Member is any organisation, business, or professional services provider whose activities are connected with, or supportive of, the work of barristers' clerks, chambers management or operations, or the Bar.

2. Admission

Applications for Corporate Membership shall be determined by the Executive Committee in its absolute discretion. There shall be no right of appeal against a decision to refuse an application.

3. Status and Rights

Corporate Members:

- a. shall not have voting rights;
- b. shall not be eligible to hold office; and
- c. shall be represented in their dealings with the Institute by nominated individuals.

Representatives of Corporate Members attending Institute events or associating themselves with the Institute in any capacity shall be bound by the Code of Conduct.

4. Limitation and Termination

The Executive Committee may, in its discretion, limit or terminate Corporate Membership.

A proposal to limit or terminate membership must be made by not fewer than two members of the Executive Committee. Any such decision shall require a resolution supported by not less than 75 per cent of those present and voting at a quorate meeting.

There shall be no right of appeal against any decision to limit or terminate Corporate Membership. Failure to comply with any limitation imposed shall result in automatic termination. No refund of subscription shall be payable in the event of termination.

Corporate Membership Structure

1. Organisations employing up to five persons:

Annual subscription: £250

Up to two nominated individuals to receive Institute communications.

2. Organisations employing six or more persons:

Annual subscription: £500

Up to four nominated individuals to receive Institute communications.

3. Application Requirement

All applications for Corporate Membership must include a written statement of no more than 400 words setting out the organisation's reasons for seeking membership.

Corporate Membership Benefits

Corporate Members shall be entitled to the following, subject always to the discretion of the Executive Committee where stated:

- a. Receipt of the weekly IBC bulletin by nominated individuals, it being the responsibility of the Corporate Member to maintain accurate contact details.
- b. The opportunity to bid to sponsor Institute events.
- c. A five per cent discount on sponsorship packages for the annual IBC Conference.
- d. The opportunity to publish one article per membership year on the Institute's website, subject to prior approval by the Executive Committee.
- e. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, promotion of up to two free to attend events per membership year via the weekly bulletin.
- f. Inclusion of the organisation's logo on the Corporate Member page of the Institute's website, listed in alphabetical order.

The benefits attached to Corporate Membership shall be reviewed annually prior to renewal and may be amended without notice.