



The Institute of Professional Investigators

Dear Members,

As we approach a new financial year and the annual renewal of subscriptions we thought we would remind members of what your Institute does and the benefits it provides for the extremely competitive £140 annual membership subscription.

- We are the only Institute in the Investigation Industry. We offer Professional Investigators from the Public and Private sector, membership of an established Professional body that entitles members to use the post nominals; MIPI (or FIPI or CIPI if awarded).
- We are a financially solid non-profit organisation, no exorbitant salaries, run for members, by members with the minimal necessary expenses used to ensure smooth running.
- Members have direct access to the Board; this direct interaction and regular submission of suggestions forms a core part of the management and direction of the Institute.
- We continually strive for and lobby for Government regulation of the Private sector investigation industry and supported with this objective by our esteemed member and member of the House of Lords, The Lord Davies of Gower.
- We encourage a collaborative approach with other bodies representing Professional and Private Investigators in areas such as the industry recognised Joint code of ethics and Professional conduct. This obligates adherence to these codes, including GDPR compliance, by our members, a breach of said codes would result in disciplinary action. We are not in competition with any other body in this industry.
- Our members are obligated to undergo DBS vetting and have Public liability / Professional indemnity insurance cover and ICO registration (or equivalent cover by their relevant employer and or other jurisdictions). Following a presentation by Case Analytics at our AGM we encourage our private sector members to consider the services of Case Analytics and their associated bespoke comprehensive Professional Investigator Insurance.

This provides competitive monthly insurance premium combined with a GDPR compliant case management database.

- We ensure a high bar for membership criteria focussed on a verifiable investigation background and pedigree from Police, Law Enforcement agencies, Military or for applicants from non-public sector backgrounds a recognised academic investigative qualification in addition to this members are interviewed and references contacted.
- All members are issued annually with an IPI Identification card which incorporates a verification line for members of the public to confirm a members credentials.
- We offer support and discounts for Armed Forces veterans to give them a route to achieve qualifying status as a full member. As part of our Armed Forces commitment, we offer lifetime membership discount for all qualifying Armed Forces veterans.
- We offer courses which are bespoke for our industry; Professional Investigator and Surveillance courses which are RQF accredited and are delivered by the in-house IPI training team. All of our training team are public sector qualified to the highest levels and operationally experienced. Our courses are all 'Pass or Fail', something we feel is critical to ensure high standards are maintained. In addition to the accredited courses, we also offer a tracing course. We do not subcontract our courses. The IPI is a listed training provider for Skills for Justice, and we also offer our courses to Ex military through ELCAS. IPI Academy.
- We offer a website listing option for members businesses as well as a very active member what's app group for work resourcing and peer advice and guidance.
- You have access to the 'members only publications' on the website which holds a bank of template documents for use in all aspects of investigations as well as a GDPR toolkit.
- We offer discounts to members through agreements with quality providers of specialist Investigative equipment such as The Covert group and Detego. We also have member deals at bespoke small business accountants; Lifestyle accounting.

- The Institute is on an upward trajectory, we have a very good business model, we have a significantly growing membership, high number of active investigation trainees and a solid financial base with no funds being wasted on fruitless affiliations or pointless ventures.
- Finally remember it's your Institute, we would encourage you to share the information about the Institute and the benefits for any colleagues, friends, or associates who you feel could meet our criteria for membership and our code of Ethics and Professional conduct obligations or would be interested in joining our training program.
- We don't want backsides on seats, we are not seeking membership subscriptions to pay anyone's wages ! What we want and seek is more genuine Professional Investigators to join our ranks !!

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Membership Subscriptions for 2024/25

You will soon be receiving your 2024/5 £140 annual membership renewal invoice. You can make payment via bank transfer or via the link on the website; PayPal payment. If payment is made via PayPal please email the secretary and Admin.

Any new membership referral from an existing member will attract a 10% discount on the following years annual subscription.

If you are an Armed Forces veteran and wish to apply for the 10%-Armed Forces discount on your annual membership please email veterans@ipi.org.uk and provide details of your military service. Once accepted as an Armed Forces Veteran member you will be added onto the Veteran member list and you will be provided the payment method for the discounted subscription contribution.

IPI Board

