

Withdrawal of membership cards

FAQ's

Q. I normally take my membership card to examinations as proof of membership. What other documents should I take instead?

A. You must take your exam confirmation letter that you receive from CIPS to the exam with you, this is your proof of membership and exam entry. In addition to this, you should also take some form of formal id with you, for example: passport, driving licence, bank statement, utility bill or national ID card.

Q. How can I evidence to employers that I'm currently a member of CIPS?

A. New members joining will get a welcome letter from CIPS stating their membership number. Members renewing every year will either get an online receipt (if they renew on-line) or a written receipt (if they do not renew on-line). Additionally, any member may ask CIPS to confirm membership to an employer, CIPS will communicate directly with the employer on request.

Q. My membership card currently evidences my silver/gold CPD achievement. What recognition will I now get to evidence my CPD?

A. Your My CIPS page will show your CPD status. Additionally, from 1st March 2013 CIPS will make available a certificate to replace the card to evidence silver/gold CPD achievement. Initially these certificates will be posted; although we are working on ways to allow members to download them whenever they need from My CIPS.

Q. Did CIPS consider an opt-in/opt-out option so members could choose if they wanted a membership card?

A. CIPS has redesigned its processes so that the membership card is now obsolete. This involved consulting with members, the vast majority of whom saw no value in the card. The decision was therefore taken to do away with the card entirely and thus maximise the environmental saving.

Q. Will my membership fee be reduced as a result of this change?

A. There will be a cost saving to CIPS of not producing the plastic cards, and since CIPS is a charity, this saving will improve the services and products offered to all members. The benefits currently offered to members are constantly being reviewed with a number of new benefits being introduced this year. However, there will be no reduction in membership fee as a result of eliminating the cards.