



Your Pubs Code Rights in Your Prospective Assignment

Dear Prospective Tied Pub Tenant

As you consider taking an assignment of a [name of POB] tied pub, I want to introduce myself and tell you about the Pubs Code. My name is Fiona Dickie, and I am the Pubs Code Adjudicator (PCA). Independent of both the pub companies and the government, my job is to make sure that [name of POB] complies with its Pubs Code duties to you.

Your Pubs Code Rights

The Pubs Code is there to ensure that as a tied tenant of a regulated pub company, you get fair and lawful treatment and are no worse off than if you were free of tie. While you are considering taking an assignment of a tied pub, you are already protected by important legal rights under the Pubs Code.

The pub company must explain the implications of the assignment, and where its agreement to the assignment is needed, it must be satisfied you have:

- received important information, including enough to help you understand the terms of the existing tenancy;
- received a copy of any investment agreement in place with an explanation of how it affects your right to a rent assessment or market rent only option under the Pubs Code;
- been advised to take independent advice, including from a qualified surveyor with tied pub experience; and
- been advised to do pubs entry training (if you are a new or inexperienced tenant).

Once you become a tied tenant, you have lots of other rights and protections under the Pubs Code.

Code Compliance Officer

[Name of POB] must employ a Code Compliance Officer (CCO), who has a duty to verify the pub company is complying with the Pubs Code. Contact your CCO if you have any queries about your Pubs Code rights or about your pub company's compliance.

This is an exciting time as you contemplate a new business, and the Pubs Code is there to protect you. Understanding your rights will help you make the right decisions for your future

Warm wishes,
Fiona Dickie
Pubs Code Adjudicator

Find out more

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