



SIBA GUEST BEER PORTAL - WWW.GUESTBEER.CO.UK

GUIDE FOR TENANTS

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What is the Scottish Guest Beer Agreement?

From 31 March 2025, a Guest Beer Agreement is being introduced in Scotland as part of its Pubs Code. This is a new policy and does not exist in England, Wales or Northern Ireland and only applies to tenanted pubs in Scotland.

The Guest Beer Agreement allows a Tied Pub Tenant (TPT) to sell at least one beer chosen by them at a price they determine and change this as frequently as they wish. The beer must be a brand where no more than 5,000 hectolitres (hl) was produced in the previous production year or if it's a new brand, reasonably expects to produce no more than 5,000hl in the current production year. Further information can be found [here](#).

What is the SIBA Guest Beer Agreement Portal?

To help Scottish pub tenants to identify which beer brands are eligible under the Guest Beer Agreement, the Society of Independent Brewers and Associates (SIBA) has launched an online portal which is free for pub tenants to use and can be found at www.guestbeer.co.uk

The screenshot shows the SIBA Guest Beer Agreement Catalogue website. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'Show Beers' and 'Show Brewers'. Below this is a 'Filter Your Results' section with various filters: ABV % (0 to 15), Filter By Delivery Area PostCode, Taste / Smell / See..., Style..., and checkboxes for Vegan, Vegetarian, Gluten Free, New, Special, Seasonal, and keg. A disclaimer states that the brand owning breweries have confirmed the following brands can be delivered in Scotland and shows which brands are available in keg, cask, bottles and cans. Below this, there are five beer listings: HURRICANE JACK (FYNE ALES JACK 4.4), EASY TRAIL (FYNE ALES EASY TRAIL 4.2), WORKBENCH (FYNE ALES WORKBENCH 5.5), FYNE ALES LAGER 4.7, and HIGHLANDER (FYNE ALES HIGHLANDER 4.8). Each listing includes the brand name, alcohol percentage, and availability options (Cask, Keg and Small Pack). There are also three listings for LOCH LOCHNOID BEERERY at the bottom.

This allows breweries with eligible brands that are no more than 5,000 hl and that wish to make them available in Scotland to list them for free. A premium listing is also available for a small fee which is free for SIBA members (and for those who join SIBA).



Once registered on the portal you can access it using your username and password. On the first screen is the list of beer brands that have been added to the portal. This means that the brand owning breweries have confirmed that they wish to make those brands available to be sold in Scotland and that they meet the production criteria stated in the Pubs Code Regulations. This means that they have an annual production of no more than 5,000 hectolitres.

You can use the search function at the top to search for a beer brand or brewery. Instead you can use the filter to search by ABV strength, taste and smell, beer style and delivery area. You can also filter by vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, keg, cask, bottles or cans.

Each beer brand shows a picture of the clip, the brewery name and brand as well as ABV strength. It also says what format the beer is available in – which can be cask, keg, bottles or cans.

If the brewery is a SIBA member or has selected premium listing then the ‘further information’ button will be active. Pressing this will open a popup showing additional information such as tasting notes, delivery areas and contact details for the brewery.

Instead of showing a list of beer brands you can show a list of breweries by pressing the ‘Show Brewers’ button. If only the brewery is showing and there is no list of beer brands associated with the brewery, it means that all beer brands from that brewery are eligible for the scheme.

How do I access the portal?

You can access the portal by registering for free at www.guestbeer.co.uk. Once you’ve completed the form and your details have been verified by the SIBA team you’ll be emailed a username and password that you can use to access the portal.

What if a brand is not on the portal?

If only the brewery is listed and there are no brands for that brewery shown, then all brands are no more than 5,000hl. If a brewery has other brands that are not listed that you are interested in then please contact the brewery directly to check.

The brewery told me a beer brand is not available?

The availability of any particular brand is a commercial decision for the brewery brand owner and SIBA cannot be held responsible for any beer brands not being available. If the brand will no longer be available again, we ask that breweries update their listings to reflect this.



How do I buy a beer?

You are asked to contact the brewery directly. The Portal does not arrange any sale or take any payment and those matters are a commercial arrangement between the tenant and the supplier.

Can more than one person from my pub register?

Yes, please use the registration form and include the pub details.

I'm from a tenanted pub in England or Wales, can I access the scheme?

The Guest Beer Agreement is only part of the Scottish Pubs Code and not included in the separate Pub Code in England and Wales. Therefore the Portal is not suitable for tenants located in England and Wales.

I'm from a free house/ managed pub, can I view the portal?

The portal is designed for pub tenants that have a Guest Beer Agreement or are intending to enter into one. The Agreement is only open to Scottish Tied Pub Tenants so the portal is not suitable for free house landlords or managed pubs.

I've forgotten my password, can I reset it?

You can reset it by contacting info@guestbeer.co.uk