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The Chartered Institute of Brewers and Distillers (CIBD) recognises that Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools are increasingly used within professional and academic environments. Candidates may use AI technologies as a supplementary support tool when preparing assignments for Revised Master Modules 1–3.

AI tools may include systems used for content generation, summarisation, language refinement, research assistance, or data analysis.

Examples of acceptable use may include:

- idea generation,
- language refinement,
- structuring content,
- summarising information, or
- supporting research.

However, all submitted work must ultimately represent the candidate's own understanding, professional judgement, critical thinking, and industry experience.

Candidates remain fully responsible for:

- the accuracy and authenticity of their submission,
- ensuring that AI outputs are critically evaluated,
- ensuring that submitted work reflects their own competence and analysis.

The following uses of AI are not acceptable:

- submitting fully AI-generated work as the candidate's own,
- fabricating references, data, workplace examples, or experiences,
- using AI in a way that misrepresents professional competence.

Candidates must not upload confidential, proprietary, commercially sensitive, or employer-restricted information into publicly accessible AI systems or tools.

Candidates are encouraged to be transparent regarding any material use of AI tools during assignment preparation and disclose any specific references.

Please note that assignments submitted for Modules 1–3 will subsequently form part of the candidate’s Module 5 portfolio and may subsequently be discussed, reviewed, or defended during later stages of assessment.

Any suspected misuse of AI may be reviewed under the CIBD Examination Regulations and Malpractice procedures and may result in penalties up to and including assignment failure or disqualification.