

# The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators is now The Chartered Governance Institute (CGI)

## Frequently Asked Questions

These FAQs have been created for members, students, partners and other stakeholders who may have questions in relation to the Institute's new global positioning, identity and the related changes that have come into effect from September 2019.

### What is changing?

#### **The Institute's name:**

As of 16 September 2019, the Supplemental Charter of the Institute was sealed with the former name The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators changed to **The Chartered Governance Institute (CGI)**. This new name is the name of the international Institute – sometimes referred to as CGI Global.

This historic change was approved at the 2018 AGM by members of our nine local institutes (divisions) and is designed to:

- reflect and embrace how our global membership of governance professionals has evolved over the past decade.
- encompass a wider remit to support and qualify Chartered Secretaries, governance advisers, risk and compliance managers, non-executive directors - anyone who takes on governance responsibilities in increasingly regulated and risk conscious societies.
- to position our Institute as the leader in the practice of governance around the world and continue the mark of quality and high standards that have defined us for over 125 years in chartered governance.

#### **Post-nominals:**

To correspond with the name change, the post-nominals awarded will also change. Fellows will be able to use FCG, Associates ACG and Affiliated members CG(Affiliated). In addition, members are welcome to add CS in brackets after their post-nominal if they are a Chartered Secretary or CGP if they are a Chartered Governance Professional or CS and CGP if they are both.

There is a transition period so that members can continue to use the current post-nominals **up to 31 December 2023**.

Please refer to the following table which outlines the former post-nominals alongside the updated post-nominals.

<b>Post-nominals awarded by The Chartered Governance Institute from September 2019</b>			
Status	Level	Post-nominal	Former Post-nominal
Chartered membership	Fellow	FCG	FCIS
	Associate	ACG	ACIS
Professional and Part Qualified membership	Affiliated	CG (Affiliated)	CIS (Affiliated)
Graduate membership	Graduate	GradCG	GradICSA

### **What is the international Institute?**

The international Institute (CGI Global) is the overarching governing body for the Institute. Its role is to work with the divisions to determine the brand and offering of the Institute, and to maintain and enhance our standards in the eyes of members, prospective members, regulators and other stakeholders.

### **There are nine local institutes (divisions) in our network. Are all institutes changing their identity and offering too?**

No, not all will be changing. All our members can expect the same high level of guidance, insights and qualifications across the board. Please refer to the table below which outlines the institutes that will be adopting the new identity, and which will be keeping their existing identity.

Local Institute	Status	Name
<b>Australia</b>	Keeping current	<a href="#">Governance Institute of Australia</a>
<b>Canada</b>	Adopting	<a href="#">The Chartered Governance Institute of Canada</a>
<b>Hong Kong &amp; Mainland China</b>	Keeping current	<a href="#">The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS)</a>
<b>Malaysia</b>	Keeping current	<a href="#">The Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (MAICSA)</a>
<b>New Zealand</b>	Keeping current	<a href="#">Governance New Zealand</a>
<b>Singapore</b>	Keeping current	<a href="#">Singapore Association of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (SAICSA)</a>

<b>Southern Africa</b>	Adopting if members' vote approves	<a href="#">The Chartered Governance Institute of Southern Africa</a>
<b>United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland &amp; Associated Territories</b>	Adopting	<a href="#">The Chartered Governance Institute</a>
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	Adopting if members' vote approves	<a href="#">The Chartered Governance and Accountancy Institute in Zimbabwe</a>

### **Can members still call themselves Chartered Secretaries?**

Absolutely. The Institute name and post-nominal changes do not affect the professional Chartered designations of our members. They can still use Chartered Secretary, Chartered Governance Professional or both – whichever is appropriate.

### **Will new membership certificates be issued?**

Members who join the Institute in, or upgrade their membership status after, September will receive new look certificates from The Chartered Governance Institute. These have been designed by the International Council for issue by each of the divisions and use the new International logo.

It is being left up to each individual division to decide if they will be issuing new certificates for existing members. Please contact your local institute for details.

### **Is this just a change of name or is it more?**

This is much more than just a change of name. The new name positions the Institute as the membership organisation for anyone involved in governance...and the only one that is Chartered. The new name continues the mark of quality and high standards that have defined us for over 125 years... the word 'Chartered'.

Our **vision** is to be the leader in the practice of governance around the world. Our **mission** is to become the beacon in governance. We will be the best advocates, the best educators and the most active organisation in the promotion of good governance globally.

### **I have more questions – who can I contact for help?**

Get in touch with The Chartered Governance Institute (CGI Global), we'll be happy to help with your queries: [cgioffice@mci-group.com](mailto:cgioffice@mci-group.com)