

CIPS Level 6 Professional Diploma in Procurement and Supply

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CIPS qualifications are regulated internationally to ensure we offer a recognised, professional standard in procurement and supply. CIPS Level 6* Professional Diploma in Procurement and Supply is a vocationally related professional qualification. Formal recognition is included within the regulatory frameworks of an increasing number of countries such as the UK (England, Wales and Northern Ireland), UAE (including Dubai) and Africa (including Zambia). Further information on this recognition and the details of corresponding qualifications levels for other international qualifications frameworks are detailed on our website. CIPS members can have the confidence in our regulated qualifications, which reliably indicate the standard of knowledge, skills and understanding that you, as a learner, are required to demonstrate.

Typical tasks

- Strategic acumen in developing and aligning functional and organisational levels of strategy
- Strategic acumen in aligning internal strategy with suppliers or customer organisations
- Systems development for better automated processes and data management
- Leading and influencing both internal and external stakeholders
- Leadership of function and relationship brokering
- Direction and advice to stakeholders
- Devising and implementing change management
- Management of teams and individuals
- Business networking
- Relationship management of suppliers and customers
- Decision making and approvals of work by others
- Formulating budgets and their monitoring and management
- Planning and reporting
- Project management capabilities

Knowledge and skills

Demonstrates advanced practical, conceptual or technological knowledge and understanding of procurement and supply and can develop solutions where there may be numerous interacting factors. Can critically analyse, interpret and evaluate complex information, concepts and ideas, using where appropriate relevant research to inform decisions.



Strategic Ethical Leadership (L6M1)

Module aim(s): Globalisation and the ever changing markets in which organisations operate require effective leaders who are able to think and act in a strategic manner. This is particularly true for those who lead the procurement and supply function ensuring that it makes a positive contribution to overall organisational success. Strategic Leadership is the ability to make and communicate decisions that enhance the prospects for the organisation's long-term success while maintaining long-term financial stability. This module is designed for those professionals who are expected to deliver effective and efficient procurement and supply. It emphasises the leadership skills and behaviours required for the achievement of the objectives and improvements sought by the organisation and enables students to understand the influence that ethical practices and standards have to play in their decision making.

Global Commercial Strategy (L6M2)

Module aim(s): The global agenda is becoming more and more prevalent in organisational success. As organisations increase overseas development, investment and sourcing, business leaders are called upon to formulate and implement global commercial strategies. This module is designed for professional procurement and supply chain leaders and takes as its focus the development; configuration and implementation of global commercial strategy to enable such leaders to help organisations achieve competitive advantage.

Global Strategic Supply Chain Management (L6M3)

Module aim(s): One of the significant impacts of globalisation has been a marked increase in the complexity of the supply chain and associated networks. These challenges require procurement and supply leaders to develop and lead modern day supply chains and understand the vital role that they have in the overall success of corporate and business strategy. This module is designed for such professionals as it focuses on the development, implementation, monitoring and optimization of global supply chains and on the strategic influence of such chains on the achievement of competitive advantage.

Future Strategic Challenges for the Profession (L6M4)

Module aim(s): The volatile global environment poses a threat to traditional concepts of international trade and presents strategic challenges to the procurement and supply function and profession. Strategic procurement and supply leaders require knowledge of the present challenges for their function and profession, and must be able to look ahead to prepare themselves for the future strategic challenges that they will undoubtedly be faced with. This final module for those learners studying on the CIPS Level 6 Professional Diploma in Procurement and Supply is designed to challenge professional procurement and supply leaders to look ahead and to identify and consider ways to address the future strategic challenges that they and their professionals will face.