



Corporate Award

Applied Learning Programme

Develop your
organisation's
procurement and
supply expertise

The only work-based
learning programme
leading to MCIPS



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Developing individuals Strengthening organisations

This professional development programme offers an assignment-based route to achieving MCIPS—the globally recognised gold standard for procurement and supply professionals. Designed as a flexible alternative to traditional exams.

Tailored Corporate programmes*

Offered as a corporate-wide learning and development opportunity for your team. Your team will follow a contextualised programme exclusive to participants from your organisation or industry sector.



Open syndicated programmes

For individuals from various organisations and sectors, our open programme offers a unique opportunity to learn alongside peers from different industries. Our learners gain a broader perspective by sharing cross-sector insights and real-world experiences.

How our programmes are structured

Fully supported by certified MCIPS experts, our training team delivers a comprehensive mix of blended learning styles. This is designed to optimise engagement through active on-the-job training formats rather than memorising static information for traditional exams.

Our study programmes span multiple progressive modules. Each includes an interactive, collaborative workshop followed by business assignments based on real-life activities encountered by staff in their day-to-day jobs.

Supporting every journey

Our Customer Support Managers work closely with our learners to keep them on track. This maximises awarding success and achieves best ROI for your organisation.

Learning styles

All of our programmes include a range of learning styles including:



Discussion forums



Podcasts



Webinars



White papers



eLearning



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**Minimum cohort of 12 required for bespoke corporate or industry sector contextualisation.*

Corporate Award programme content levels

	Practitioner	Advanced Practitioner
Content focus	Develops a robust and thorough understanding of procurement and supply essentials.	Builds deep professionalism to deliver greater organisational value and reduce risk.
Level of learning	At an equivalent level to first year of an undergraduate university degree	At an equivalent level to university honours degree
Outcome	Diploma Membership	MCIPS and Chartered Status
Global Standard Competency levels	Managing level	Leading and Influencing levels
Entry criteria	None, this level is open to all advancing their career pathway.	Requires active CIPS Diploma Membership OR completion of an online competency assessment at the required level

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I would encourage people to look at which path they take towards MCIPS and the pick the best route for you. I started with exams and textbooks, I'm neurodivergent myself, so that wasn't the best choice for me. I did the final leg by the Advanced Practitioner, so I got to write assignments and was able to practically implement the skills I'd learned.

Luke Clark-Lees
MCIPS Chartered



Key benefits



No exams

Work-based assignments instead of traditional exams drive learning outcomes directly back into the business and provide an immediate return on investment.



Globally recognised accreditation

Offers an established professional route to achieve world-class MCIPS and Chartered status.



Talent retention & development

Attract, optimise and retain top talent by establishing a definitive, high-value pathway for transparent career progression.

£0.7million
overall savings
from projects
undertaken by
students on just
one programme.

Network Rail



Why CIPS?

We are CIPS, the Chartered Institute for Procurement & Supply.

A global membership organisation driving positive change across our profession.

We are the voice and standard, defining and amplifying best practice.

As the awarding body for the profession we lead in education and training.

We provide insights, information and tools for our members.

We help build capability within organisations.

Through all our work, we build a global network of professionals powering procurement and supply.

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We did a lot of real-life examples in our studies, which help me a lot in my career. At the same I was writing assignments, I was able to use everything that I learned into my negotiations and RFPs.

Merve Karakose
MCIPS Chartered
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