



Procurement Excellence Programme

Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG)

Sustainability is now such a core issue facing all organisations, in response to this, CIPS has developed a new version of the CIPS Procurement Excellence Programme that includes a suite of standards that identify, measure, and improve the impact your organisation has on the world and the communities in which it operates.

The CIPS Procurement Excellence Programme is the only independent, comprehensive, procurement-specific assessment of its kind, that measures your procurement function against our world class standards. It is a globally recognised award that demonstrates how well your procurement function is performing whilst building a competitive edge and driving world class service delivery. Acting as a catalyst for transformational change to help you achieve sustainable value, supporting you when rising to new challenges and keeps on driving improvement.



How can PEP ESG help your organisation?

Sustainability and the relationship between organisations and the natural world are of paramount importance to procurement, so we have developed our new PEP ESG Programme to drive positive change within organisations, utilising ESG as a framework to help organisations build a more innovative, sustainable and resilient way of doing business.

CIPS will support your procurement function to achieve sustainable goals and targets and make this a fundamental part of the organisation.

- Our free Health Check will provide you with an overview of the performance of your procurement function.
- Next, our Diagnostic Tool will review and evaluate your existing procurement strategy and function, so you can understand exactly where your organisation is currently.
- We can then work up an action plan and roadmap and also provide guidance and support around how to put it in place to ensure your organisation achieves its ESG and Sustainability goals.

How it works

Reviewing your organisation's procurement and supplier management procedures in targeted detail will highlight where improvements and efficiencies can be made.

How to improve

It will encourage you to question what you do and how you do it, ensuring that procurement becomes an essential value driver and organisational influencer. The Procurement Excellence Programme is split into levels; whereas the Standard Programme is about "what" you do, the Advanced award will signify how your procurement function is building increasing levels of influence, involvement and control in order to accelerate procurement performance and change and deliver greater value.

The journey ahead

At the start of your journey, you'll be assigned your own CIPS assessor; a highly experienced procurement professional who will personally guide you through the process. They will support you to collate all the evidence to demonstrate your performance against our world class standards across the Five Assessment Dimensions:

- Leadership and organisation**
- Strategy and policy**
- People**
- Process and systems**
- Performance management**

These **five dimensions** are common to every business, no matter what sector or market; they are essential facets of how an organisation operates. The ESG golden thread is woven throughout each dimension to ensure it becomes an integral part of how an organisation operates and adheres to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Each award is valid for two years, after which you can either increase or maintain your level of award to ensure that you continue to operate effectively, delivering value in the face of changes in your organisation and the marketplace.

- Over 500 organisations globally achieved PEP
- 5 Assessment dimensions common to business
- With a 2-year validation for each award

The awards



PLATINUM

World class | Creating sustainability goals

Procurement demonstrated it is part of the lifeblood of their organisation, potentially with a seat on the Board. Procurement is integral to their organisation's strategy, is a core influencer and decision maker.



GOLD

Leading | Adding value to sustainability goals

Procurement has demonstrated it has a strategic role within the organisation with the ability to influence senior management and other business functions, and it is becoming more fundamental to the organisation.



SILVER

Advanced | Proactively supporting delivery of sustainability roles

Procurement has demonstrated it is moving from being an operational to a managerial function, building performance, capability, and value.



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We increased our focus on sustainable procurement in recent years and the PEP ESG was a good way for us to benchmark ourselves against a best practice framework that considers all aspects of the end-to-end procurement lifecycle”

Stephen Rose

Head of Supply Chain Services, NATS

About CIPS the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply



We are CIPS

The global membership organisation for procurement and supply, driving positive change across our profession. We provide education and tools for members. And we are the voice and standard, building a network across the globe.

Quality guaranteed

Our qualifications are recognised by Ofqual in England and regulators in various countries, demonstrating that they meet specific quality standards.

The Global Standard

CIPS Global Standard in procurement and supply, which is freely available, sets the benchmark for what good looks like in the profession.

How can CIPS help?

No matter where you are in the world or what sector you operate in, CIPS can help to ensure that your procurement and supply teams:

- Have the skills to spend your organisation's funds wisely and manage suppliers effectively
- Comply with relevant legislation
- Have the tools to build ethical and sustainable supply chains
- Continually evolve and deliver results against increasingly challenging targets
- Add value to the business and get the recognition they deserve

Want to see how we can develop your procurement and supply team?

Get in touch with us: corporate.solutions@cips.org

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A commercial organisation

CIPS helps governments, development agencies, and businesses around the world to excel in procurement and supply, supporting them to improve and deliver results and raise standards.

A global community

We are the world's largest professional body dedicated to procurement and supply with a global community of over 200,000 professionals in over 150 countries, and offices in Africa, Asia, Australia, the Middle East, Europe and USA.

