

Your career in procurement and supply



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Discover...

...how a career as a buyer opens up a wealth of opportunities and can take you anywhere in the world.

Every organisation relies on buying things to run their business. From stationery, computers, fuel and energy, to jumbo jets, models for photo shoots, raw materials for manufacturing, food ingredients, electronic components, research and development expertise, telecoms services and more.

As a buyer you're in an extremely powerful position. But because buyers often operate behind the scenes, many people aren't aware of procurement and supply as a career choice. Top buyers are in huge demand around the world and can achieve extremely high positions within companies. Whether it's sourcing goods from local suppliers or running global supply chains, buying essential services and resources at the right price, particularly in today's challenging economic environment, can make or break a business.

"I joined my company as a graduate trainee thinking I quite liked marketing. However, after 6 months in procurement I realised this was the hub of the company where making the right decision and negotiating the best deal really mattered. Every day is different with exciting challenges round every corner. I'm currently studying for MCIPS* which will enable me to work anywhere in the world."

**MCIPS is recognised world wide as the global standard for top quality procurement professionals. It is a professional accreditation for those working in procurement and supply.*

Achieve...

...the qualifications you need to reach the highest levels in the profession.

You may be in the first stages of considering a future in procurement and supply. Or you may already be working as a buyer. If you're serious about your career, you should be part of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS).

CIPS is the leading voice of the procurement and supply profession and, with a global community of almost 114,000 in 150 countries, the largest. We set the standards and are the only regulated body in the world to promote a Code of Conduct; a code that has become the international model for purchasing and supply practice.

You can join CIPS at various points in your career and work towards achieving the professional diploma. MCIPS is the internationally recognised gold standard of achievement for procurement professionals, marking you out as a purchasing professional at the top of your game, and significantly enhancing your career and earning power.

CIPS Code of Conduct

As a member of the Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply, I will:

Enhance and protect the standing of the profession, by:

- never engaging in conduct, either professional or personal, which would bring the profession or the Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply into disrepute
- not accepting inducements or gifts (other than any declared gifts of nominal value which have been sanctioned by my employer)
- not allowing offers of hospitality or those with vested interests to influence, or be perceived to influence, my business decisions
- being aware that my behaviour outside my professional life may have an effect on how I am perceived as a professional.

Maintain the highest standard of integrity in all business relationships, by:

- rejecting any business practice which might reasonably be deemed improper
- never using my authority or position for my own financial gain
- declaring to my line manager any personal interest that might affect, or be seen by others to affect, my impartiality in decision making
- ensuring that the information I give in the course of my work is accurate and not misleading
- never breaching the confidentiality of information I receive in a professional capacity
- striving for genuine, fair and transparent competition
- being truthful about my skills, experience and qualifications.

Promote the eradication of unethical business practices, by:

- fostering awareness of human rights, fraud and corruption issues in all my business relationships
- responsibly managing any business relationships where unethical practices may come to light, and taking appropriate action to report and remedy them
- undertaking due diligence on appropriate supplier relationships in relation to forced labour (modern slavery) and other human rights abuses, fraud and corruption
- continually developing my knowledge of forced labour (modern slavery), human rights, fraud and corruption issues, and applying this in my professional life.

Enhance the proficiency and stature of the profession, by:

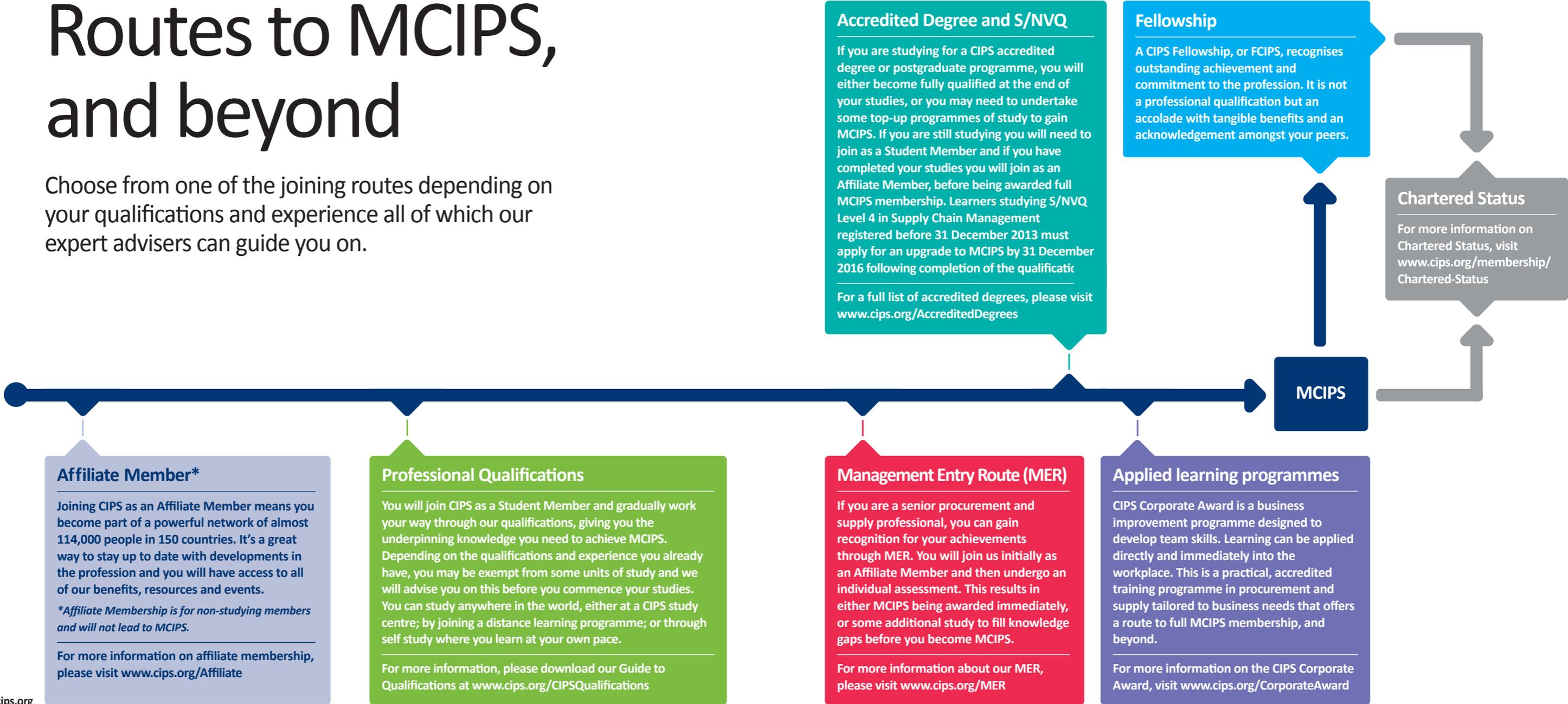
- continually developing and applying knowledge to increase my personal skills and those of the organisation I work for
- fostering the highest standards of professional competence amongst those for whom I am responsible
- optimising the responsible use of resources which I have influence over for the benefit of my organisation.

Ensure full compliance with laws and regulations, by:

- adhering to the laws of countries in which I practise, and in countries where there is no relevant law in place I will apply the standards inherent in this Code
- fulfilling agreed contractual obligations
- following CIPS guidance on professional practice.

Routes to MCIPS, and beyond

Choose from one of the joining routes depending on your qualifications and experience all of which our expert advisers can guide you on.



Affiliate Member*

Joining CIPS as an Affiliate Member means you become part of a powerful network of almost 114,000 people in 150 countries. It's a great way to stay up to date with developments in the profession and you will have access to all of our benefits, resources and events.

**Affiliate Membership is for non-studying members and will not lead to MCIPS.*

For more information on affiliate membership, please visit www.cips.org/Affiliate

Professional Qualifications

You will join CIPS as a Student Member and gradually work your way through our qualifications, giving you the underpinning knowledge you need to achieve MCIPS. Depending on the qualifications and experience you already have, you may be exempt from some units of study and we will advise you on this before you commence your studies. You can study anywhere in the world, either at a CIPS study centre; by joining a distance learning programme; or through self study where you learn at your own pace.

For more information, please download our Guide to Qualifications at www.cips.org/CIPSQualifications

Management Entry Route (MER)

If you are a senior procurement and supply professional, you can gain recognition for your achievements through MER. You will join us initially as an Affiliate Member and then undergo an individual assessment. This results in either MCIPS being awarded immediately, or some additional study to fill knowledge gaps before you become MCIPS.

For more information about our MER, please visit www.cips.org/MER

Applied learning programmes

CIPS Corporate Award is a business improvement programme designed to develop team skills. Learning can be applied directly and immediately into the workplace. This is a practical, accredited training programme in procurement and supply tailored to business needs that offers a route to full MCIPS membership, and beyond.

For more information on the CIPS Corporate Award, visit www.cips.org/CorporateAward

Accredited Degree and S/NVQ

If you are studying for a CIPS accredited degree or postgraduate programme, you will either become fully qualified at the end of your studies, or you may need to undertake some top-up programmes of study to gain MCIPS. If you are still studying you will need to join as a Student Member and if you have completed your studies you will join as an Affiliate Member, before being awarded full MCIPS membership. Learners studying S/NVQ Level 4 in Supply Chain Management registered before 31 December 2013 must apply for an upgrade to MCIPS by 31 December 2016 following completion of the qualification.

For a full list of accredited degrees, please visit www.cips.org/AccreditedDegrees

Fellowship

A CIPS Fellowship, or FCIPS, recognises outstanding achievement and commitment to the profession. It is not a professional qualification but an accolade with tangible benefits and an acknowledgement amongst your peers.

Chartered Status

For more information on Chartered Status, visit www.cips.org/membership/Chartered-Status

Benefit...

...from increased access to professional knowledge and resources, career support; events and increasing earning power.

Connect with other members

A global community of almost 114,000 members in 150 countries who we bring together to share news and ideas through member events, networking opportunities and discussion forums.

Access professional resources

Throughout the year you will receive: Supply Management magazine which features the latest news and job opportunities in the profession, monthly e-updates and a quarterly Qualifications Update, access to our comprehensive online knowledge resource, CIPS Intelligence, and invitations to member events and conferences.

Support your career

Our CIPS Recruitment website features all the latest job opportunities and careers advice, and an online Continuing Professional Development resource helps keep your knowledge and skills up to date, along with a free legal helpline.

Benefit from discounts

As a member, you will save money on our training courses and conferences, and when you buy from our bookshop, along with a range of other items and services.

The Benefits of MCIPS Status

Enjoy greater rewards

Procurement professionals who achieve MCIPS status earn more per annum than non-MCIPS colleagues in the same positions and, as a current member are entitled to use the post-nominals MCIPS.

Achieve your potential

A professional qualification will enhance your skills and practices, and equip you with new ones, providing you with the tools you need to excel in your career in procurement and supply.

Gain a career advantage

Studying for and gaining MCIPS demonstrates your serious intent and commitment to your career; a huge advantage when it comes to career progression.

Join...

...CIPS today and start accessing the many benefits of membership.

To take CIPS qualifications or to aim for MCIPS through the Management Entry Route, an accredited degree or our Corporate Award, you will need to be a CIPS member.

Joining is easy...

Simply visit www.cips.org/join

We look forward to welcoming you to CIPS.



About CIPS

CIPS is the chartered body dedicated to the procurement and supply profession

CIPS has a global community of almost 114,000 members in 150 countries

CIPS qualifications are fully recognised and accredited around the world

CIPS Code of Conduct is the international model for procurement and supply practice

CIPS study programmes are highly regarded by governments, the private sector and the third sector