

Applied learning for local government

The CIPS Corporate Award is a complete procurement and supply applied learning programme based on CIPS Global Standard and adapted for local government.

The programme promotes and develops high standards of professional skill, ability and integrity for all working in procurement and supply chain management in local government.

CIPS CORPORATE AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

Global accredited learning
can lead to MCIPS grade of membership

Learning is designed to challenge
entrenched views and stimulate creative thinking

Local government terminology
and practices are included in the training

Interactive workshops, sector-specific case studies
and work-based assignments bring learning alive

Opportunities
to improve networking are facilitated

Delivered by the leading professional body
in procurement and supply

How does the programme work?

The CIPS Corporate Award for local government is a procurement and supply learning programme that has been designed to incorporate terminology, practices and unique challenges specific to local government.

The programme is delivered using different learning methods including practical assessed assignments, interactive workshops and live business projects to make learning relevant.

There are two levels – Practitioner and Advanced Practitioner. The successful completion of Practitioner level results in Diploma membership of CIPS. Successful completion of the Advanced Practitioner level results in full membership (MCIPS), subject to three years' experience in a responsible procurement role.

It takes two and a half years to complete both levels with an average of 100 hours of self-study per level. Within each level there are several modules, each comprising two face-to-face training days and coursework based on real issues encountered by local government staff.

Programme highlights

Based on the CIPS core syllabus, the programme also brings out learning of particular relevance to local government:

- Stakeholder engagement
- Regulatory impact in the supply chain
- The role of governance in the supply chain
- Roles and responsibilities in procurement
- Strategic and tactical procurement
- Supplier selection and due diligence
- Contract management - supplier performance and relationships
- Managing risk in the supply chain
- Market shaping and developing
- Commissioning and social care
- Demonstrating procurement's value to stakeholders

The benefits

To organisations

- **Value:** This practical, applied learning approach delivers proven return on investment
- **Talent:** Investing in the development of staff unlocks potential and boosts expertise
- **Business improvement:** Work-based assignments drive improvements directly back into local government
- **Professionalism:** Helps bring about positive changes in performance and behaviour that benefit the organisation

To participants

- **Accreditation:** The programme provides a route to MCIPS professional membership status – the globally recognised standard
- **Opportunities:** Successful completion of the programme opens up career opportunities
- **Network:** Participation provides knowledge sharing and networking across the local government supply chain

“ I thought it was a great way of learning - starting with the theory, then discussion, and then applying the principles to an assignment. The dynamic of the group also helps - you can debate theories and work on activities together. **CONTRACT MANAGER, BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL** ”

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