

CIPS UK Graduation Ceremony 2022 - FAQ's

CIPS UK Graduation Ceremony is open to all members who are currently MCIPS, and have achieved this via one of the following programmes of learning:

CIPS Professional Diploma in Procurement and Supply

CIPS Advanced Practitioner (Corporate Award) – post 2015

CIPS Accredited Degree – post 2015

CIPS Executive Diploma in Procurement and Supply

Please note; to book their place, the member must be a current MCIPS member. They can check their membership status on the [CIPS Professional Register](#). Upgrading is simple, go to [upgrade to MCIPS](#)

Why are we asking members to have a minimum of current MCIPS membership to Graduate?

The CIPS Graduation Ceremony is a celebration for members who have achieved MCIPS via a CIPS recognised programme of learning. Those with MCIPS are recognised globally as procurement and supply professionals. Being MCIPS signifies that you that you have attained a level of knowledge and understanding, based on the professional level of the CIPS Global Standard in Procurement and Supply, and that you have three years relevant work experience in procurement and supply role. Being MCIPS provides assurance for your employer, peers and clients that you have continued to build on your academic achievements to stay relevant and up to date.

Why can I not attend if I achieved MCIPS via the Management Entry Route?

Your achievement has been recognised by CIPS based on your experience not a learning programme. The CIPS Graduation Ceremony is a celebration of successful completion of a CIPS recognised learning programme.

When do bookings close?

Bookings will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday 12 May 2022. However, we are likely to sell out of tickets ahead of this, so be sure to book quickly.

International Graduates

If a member requires a VISA to attend the ceremony, please be aware that CIPS is not able to communicate with the High Commission on their behalf, and cannot act as a guarantor for them to travel to the UK. We can however supply them with an official booking confirmation letter once they have booked to attend.

How many guest tickets can they apply for?

The £90.00 Graduation package from William Northam includes one guest ticket. You may purchase one additional guest ticket via the booking system at a cost of £30.00.

Unfortunately places are limited due to capacity restrictions at the venue. You will have the opportunity to request further guest tickets, however these are not guaranteed. Should any places become available we will communicate this to the Graduates after booking closes (Thursday 12 May 2022) at which point they can be purchased on a first-come first-served basis.

Children under the age of 14 will be included in allocated guest numbers.

Are children allowed to attend the Graduation ceremony?

Our Graduation ceremonies are family occasions, and we welcome your child's attendance on this special day. Baby changing facilities are available. As we can only allocate two guest tickets in total, please can you let us know at the time of booking if younger children will require their own seat, as this will count towards your guest ticket allocation. Any child sat on a guest's knee will not be included in the guest ticket allocation.

When will Graduates receive their tickets?

They do not receive any physical tickets but will receive a booking confirmation via email. They will be allocated with a seat number on the day when they arrive.

What if a Graduate or their guest(s) have a disability?

Arrangements can be made for anyone attending the graduation ceremony, either as a Graduate or a guest who may have a disability or other needs. If any guests have mobility difficulties, please contact us by calling +44 (0)1780 758361 or emailing graduation@cips.org so that we can allocate suitable seats.

What should Graduates wear for the ceremony?

We suggest that they wear smart business dress. The gown hood has a loop in front designed to hook over a button which keeps it tidy and in place: it is easier therefore if you wear a shirt, blouse or dress with buttons. We politely request that jeans or t-shirts are not worn.

What time should they arrive for the ceremony and how long does it last?

Doors will be open from 09.30, and robing will commence. All Graduates MUST be robed by 12.30 at the latest. Please leave plenty of time to travel. The ceremony itself will last for approximately two hours and will be followed by a drinks reception which all Graduates and guests are welcome to attend.

Will Graduates be sitting with their guests during the ceremony?

No. Graduates will be seated in the main nave seats in alphabetical order. Family and friends will be seated elsewhere in the Cathedral; they will not be allocated specific seats.

Is it easy to park in Peterborough?

There is no public parking available in the Cathedral grounds (Precincts), but there is plentiful parking available just outside, within a 5-10 minute walk.

The full address is:

Peterborough Cathedral, Minster Precincts, Peterborough, PE1 1XS.

Directions and further information in relation to the venue can be found here

<http://www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/home/accessibility.aspx>

Please leave plenty of time to travel especially if you are unfamiliar with Peterborough.

As in any city, traffic may be heavy and finding parking may take time.