

## CIPS Professional Diploma in procurement and supply – Level 6

The CIPS Level 6 Professional Diploma enables the development and implementation of procurement and supply chain plans and strategies that can have a fundamental impact on organisation performance. The course takes a strategic view of the key role of the procurement function in securing competitive advantage for the organisation and the broader supply chain through which organisations increasingly compete. It develops the skills and knowledge of professionals to enable them to contribute effectively at a senior level to developing, leading and influencing the continuous improvement and change needed by organisations to meet the challenges of the modern global business environment.

The focus in the Professional Diploma is on taking an international and end to end supply chain perspective that enables professionals to optimise the contribution of each element of the network in delivering value to customers. It provides comprehensive coverage of the latest procurement and supply chain management approaches, methods and theories for delivering increasing supply chain efficiency and effectiveness. At the same time, it develops the skills and knowledge needed in procurement for leadership and management of stakeholders to ensure successful implementation of these initiatives.

The Professional Diploma course covers 5 units that together provide participants with both the broad business knowledge and the specific procurement and supply chain management expertise to make a transformative contribution to organisation success.

The key learning outcomes of the 4 core units are as follows:

- Strategic ethical leadership **(L6M1)**
- Global commercial strategy **(L6M2)**
- Global strategic supply chain management **(L6M3)**
- Future strategic challenges for the profession **(L6M4)**

The key learning outcomes of the 3 optional units (from a choice of 5) are as follows:

- Supply network design **(L6M9)**
- Global logistics strategy **(L6M10)**
- Strategic programme leadership **(L6M5)**
- Innovation in procurement and supply **(L6M8)**
- Commercial data management **(L6M7)**

## **Assessment Format**

Assessment is via an exam at the end of each module. There are two types of exam formats which are both delivered as computer based examinations (CBE). **Objective response** (OR) exams which are single, short questions that require the candidate to choose or type a response to the question where the correct answer(s) are predetermined and exams are automarked. These can be either multiple choice, drop-down list or drag and drop. OR exams are flexi-scheduled with three sittings per day over Monday to Friday in Week 1 of each series.

Also **Constructed response** (CR) exams (L4M1 and L4M8) which are timetabled over Monday to Wednesday in Week 2 of each exam series. These require the student to create 'construct' a response to the question, such as an essay either by typing their response.

All CIPS Level 6 exams are scheduled in January, March, May, July and November every year. *Possible September exam series for resits.*