

CIPS Advanced Diploma in procurement and supply – Level 5

The CIPS Level 5 Advanced Diploma builds on the comprehensive best practice operational knowledge gained in the Diploma to enable the development of innovative approaches and solutions in procurement and supply chain management. The course takes a broader and more strategic view of how the procurement function can deliver essential competitive advantage to the organisation in an increasingly competitive marketplace. It develops the skills and knowledge of professionals with experience in the sector to enable them to make a fundamentally important contribution to achieving and advancing organisation goals and objectives.

The focus in the Advanced Diploma is on taking a company and whole supply chain perspective and identifying where effort is best focused to maximise the value that can be contributed through procurement and supply management. It gives procurement and supply chain professionals the knowledge and skill base to reduce cost, to deliver improved quality, flexibility and responsiveness, to improve supply reliability and continuity, and to achieve increased stakeholder and customer satisfaction.

The Advanced 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 achieve these goals.

The key learning outcomes of the 5 core modules are as follows:

- Managing teams and individuals **(L5M1)**
- Managing supply chain risk **(L5M2)**
- Managing contractual risk **(L5M3)**
- Advanced contract & financial management **(L5M4)**
- Managing ethical procurement & supply **(L5M5)**

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

- Category management **(L5M6)**
- Project & change management **(L5M8)**
- Achieving competitive advantage through the supply chain **(L5M7)**
- Operations management **(L5M9)**
- Logistics management **(L5M10)**

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 (L5M1 and L5M4) 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 5 exams are scheduled in January, March, May, July and November every year.
Possible September exam series for resits.