

Developing your procurement career

It's a given that on-going professional development is a key requirement of being a professional and maintaining our level of proficiency.

The resources below are designed to help you identify what skills you need and the options available for developing these skills. They also provide information to help you plan your future career development.

New Zealand is a member of the [Australasian Procurement & Construction Council \(APCC\)](#) and MED has worked with them to issue a guide [Building Government Procurement Capabilities \[845 kB PDF\]](#) which gives an overview of potential career development avenues and the different skills development pathways for administration officers involved in procurement activities, through to Chief Procurement Officers. For existing government professionals, the Guide contains chapters on continuous professional development.

The Guide and accompanying [Aspirational Capability Matrix' supplement \[75 kB PDF\]](#) are being remodelled by MED with a wider application in mind:

- As a tool to assist those planning their procurement career progression;
- As a resource of information on various pathways of education available in New Zealand to gain qualifications in procurement; and
- To assist in developing training needs analyses.

Do you struggle to justify the time and money invested in your professional development?

If so, we've included some information to help you justify the investment in your professional development.

One simple way of doing this is to consider the amount of expenditure you are directly involved in influencing and compare that against the amount of time/money that has been invested in your training and development.

We recommend you read the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply's White Paper [Building a Business Case for Professional Development \[332 kB PDF\]](#) about why investing in procurement excellence is great for business.

This may also be useful to you when justifying the value of making time and money available for your training and education.