



CIPS Qualifications

Procurement is increasingly becoming a critical strategic activity requiring skilled and professionally qualified people.

The Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply (CIPS) is recognised as the leading international body for professionals engaged in purchasing and procurement, with over 65,000 members worldwide.

The CIPS qualifications framework comprises a range of internationally recognised qualifications from certificate up to Graduate Diploma level which, with three years' work experience, leads to Full Membership (MCIPS) recognised as the prime global professional standard for procurement professionals. Accreditation pathways that recognise existing qualifications and relevant experience, are also available to gain credits towards MCIPS.

In New Zealand there are insufficient MCIPS-qualified professionals to meet the growing demand, and gaining CIPS qualifications not only equips you to deliver at the right level, but will also enhance your career prospects.

Where to go for more information about the CIPS qualifications

In the first instance, check out the [CIPS \(Australasia\) website](#).

What benefits does CIPS study with the NZ Procurement Academy offer me?

Subsidised study

Through the Academy, MED offers subsidised places to procurers across the public sector to study qualifications towards achieving Membership of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply (MCIPS). The subsidy offered through the NZ Procurement Academy covers a substantial amount of the cost of study with participants covering the remainder.

Study support

There is a wide range of support and resources available to people studying towards CIPS qualifications, with the following pages providing more detail.

I'm thinking about studying for CIPS qualifications through the NZPA ... where can I find more information?

You can:

- Read our introductory guide [So you're thinking of studying for CIPS qualifications... \[344 kB PDF\]](#)
- Read how the Academy offers support to gain CIPS qualifications through [CIPS study](#)
- Read how to [attain the MCIPS qualification](#)

[CIPS study - tell me more](#)

The Academy helps practitioners with at least 2-3 years' experience gain CIPS diploma-level qualifications

[MCIPS - what's involved](#)

How to attain the MCIPS qualification