

Signify your commitment to procurement excellence...



**Expert...**

# Evolution...

...of the profession

A professional with Chartered Status...

## Leads...

...procurement teams within an organisation and influences the Board to adopt leading-edge procurement strategies.

## Demonstrates...

...the highest levels of procurement capability and commitment to operating with integrity and driving ethical practices.

## Influences...

...those supply chains to adopt ethical practices and develop innovative sourcing solutions.

## Works...

...strategically to develop sustainable supply chains, in terms of capability, stability and growth.

## Establishes...

...best practice in order to drive efficiencies and the strategic value of procurement.

## Understands...

...institutional risk and how to implement contingency approaches in all parts of the organisation.

# Why?

A new age of digital communications and fast changing global trading are fundamentally altering the way business and government is transacted.

The world is changing at such a dramatic speed. CIPS believes the time is right to call for the profession to self-regulate by licensing its professionals. It needs the most committed professionals who are up to date with latest thinking and best practice and can extend their skill set when necessary.

CIPS views MCIPS at the heartland of the professional procurement and supply practitioner – it's the 'professional licence' and will always remain so. The 'advanced professional licence' has evolved through a demand from business for an additional set of specialist skills and behaviours to meet the changing environment.

## The CIPS advanced professional licence - Chartered Status

Professionals with Chartered Status can demonstrate competence in areas such as institutional risk and contingency approaches across the whole organisation. Ensuring the supply chain not only delivers the business needs but can innovate and deliver risk sharing. It will ensure influence at Board level and across supply markets by delivering innovative sourcing solutions that can be the competitive value add to the bottom line.

“The profession is currently experiencing many challenges and demands and keeping up with these developments requires the best professionals dedicated to maintaining their own professional status.

Chartered Status is a huge milestone achieved in our journey and a fantastic outcome for our global membership.”

David Noble  
Group CEO, CIPS

“It's clear to see that we hold an enormous amount of responsibility in our roles, responsible for the safe and successful management of a whole host of complex supply chains that are increasingly operating on a global scale.

We can no longer accept poor practice or performance and the good news is we can make a difference by ensuring that MCIPS and Chartered Status are positioned firmly as the professional licences for this profession – recognising excellence, appropriate skill and competence.”

Richard Masser  
Chairman of  
CIPS Global Board of Trustees

# Significance...

In 1992 the Royal Charter was awarded by the Privy Council to the Institute as a professional body, but did not extend to individual members. CIPS was granted the necessary powers to confer Chartered Status on individual members qualified to a postgraduate level in October 2014.

## FCIPS\*

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply

## MCIPS\*

Member of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply

## CHARTERED STATUS

Chartered Status is a professional status, annually awarded to reflect up to date, ongoing competence in the profession. Professionals holding Chartered Status can be MCIPS or FCIPS Members grades qualified to a postgraduate diploma level or equivalent.

Maintenance of Chartered Status requires annual MCIPS or FCIPS renewal fee along with evidence of 30 hours silver CPD status and a current CIPS Ethical Procurement and Supply test.

Those with Chartered Status are listed on the professional register as:

- MCIPS Chartered Procurement and Supply Professional
- FCIPS Chartered Procurement and Supply Professional.

## MCIPS\*

MCIPS is the grade of membership recognised worldwide as the standard for procurement professionals. Those with MCIPS demonstrate they are qualified up to a BA Hons degree level (Level 6 qualification).

## FCIPS\*

Fellowship is the highest grade of CIPS membership and is awarded in recognition of significant, outstanding achievement in procurement and supply and contribution to the profession.

\*Annual renewal fee required to maintain

# Recognition...

...for achieving the ultimate in procurement and supply competence, professionalism and commitment, with Chartered Procurement and Supply Professional Status

Equivalent to a postgraduate diploma, Chartered Status demonstrates a level of skill, ability, knowledge and experience above MCIPS, which remains the globally recognised standard for all procurement and supply professionals.

## Benefits for organisations

Chartered Status demonstrates that procurement professionals possess the ability to deliver added value, strong leadership, strategic and board influence.

These individuals will have to demonstrate leadership by taking ownership and being accountable for driving innovative and progressive thinking around business practices encompassing all risk, legislation and policies to ensure effective long-term performance for stakeholder needs.

## Benefits for individuals

Chartered Status signifies your knowledge, capability and understanding of global business needs and supply complexities, and the broader impact on economies. MCIPS or FCIPS members only may apply. Chartered Status reinforces experience and provides evidence of a strong understanding of current practices through an annual assessment of continuing professional development and successfully completing the CIPS Ethical Procurement and Supply test.

# How...

...you can work to achieve Chartered Status and demonstrate to the world your commitment to professional excellence

All applicants must demonstrate the ability to:

- **apply methods and skills** to address complex and challenging problems
- **reflect on and learn from** prior experience, smoothly integrating new knowledge with past experience and apply it to new situations
- **challenge pre-conceptions** in the context of procurement and supply management
- **coach or lead people** in the organisation, suppliers and other stakeholders
- **handle complex situations holistically**, vertically and horizontally through the supply chain
- **apply particular strengths in analysing**, synthesising and solving complex unstructured business problems
- **communicate** your findings
- **implement agreed solutions** effectively and efficiently.

To maintain Chartered Status individuals are required to pay their annual MCIPS or FCIPS renewal fee along with evidence of 30 hours silver CPD status and a current CIPS Ethical Procurement and Supply Test.\*

\*Terms and conditions about letting your Chartered Status lapse are available online.

## Three Routes to Chartered Status

### ACADEMIC

Minimum entry criteria:

- Must be MCIPS or FCIPS
- Must have 3 years post MCIPS experience
- Must provide certificate and transcript of CIPS accredited specialist MBA programme
- Must have an up to date CIPS Ethical Procurement and Supply test.

### ACADEMIC

CIPS is working with several universities to accredit their specialist MBA programmes by analysing and mapping the content to the Advanced Professional competency level in the CIPS Global Standard in Procurement and Supply. A list of the specialist MBA programmes is not yet available but will be posted online as soon as possible.

### BECOME MCIPS

For more information about how to become MCIPS visit:  
[www.cips.org/qualifications](http://www.cips.org/qualifications)

### EXPERIENTIAL

Minimum entry criteria:

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- Must have an up to date CIPS Ethical Procurement and Supply test.

### EXPERIENTIAL

This route can take anywhere between six and nine months to complete, which is dependent upon the time it takes you to prepare for and undertake each stage of the assessment.

There are four stages to this route:

#### 1. Application

#### 2. Online assessment

This tests your level of knowledge and understanding of the themes in the CIPS Global Standard for Procurement and Supply at Advanced Professional Level.

#### 3. Personal statement

You are required to write four personal statements, of 1,000 words, all of which are segments from selected themes of the Advanced Professional Level of the CIPS Global Standard. You will also need to write a statement of ethical intent, demonstrating your personal contribution to an ethical profession.

#### 4. Interview assessment

The final stage is a *viva* style interview.

### APPLIED LEARNING

Minimum entry criteria:

- Must be MCIPS or FCIPS
- Must have 3 years post MCIPS experience
- Must provide evidence of completed CIPS Master Practitioner Programme
- Must have an up to date CIPS Ethical Procurement and Supply test.

### APPLIED LEARNING

The Master Practitioner programme consists of:

- An induction
- 6 training modules delivered in face to face workshops
- 6 assessed assignments
- A final project, viva style interview and presentation.

The level of competency within this programme is set at the Advanced Professional competency level in the Global Standard for Procurement and Supply.

## FIND OUT MORE

To find out more about the application criteria visit: [www.cips.org/charter](http://www.cips.org/charter)

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