

Procurement Corporate Award Program

The State Procurement Board, supported by Procurement Services SA, is excited to offer the Corporate Award Program in partnership with the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply Australasia (CIPSA). Tailored for South Australian public sector staff, the Corporate Award Program will support the Government's goal to strengthen the procurement and contract management capability of the South Australian Public Sector and will assist you in achieving your CIPS Diploma or MCIPS. Funding to support your enrolment costs is available, including full (100%) and partial (50%) subsidies.



What does the program entail?

The Corporate Award Program is divided into two levels, the first being an entry level whereby staff can obtain a CIPS diploma. The second level will target senior procurement professionals to assist them in achieving a full membership status of CIPS (MCIPS). All participants will receive a 12 month CIPS membership, which offers access to a comprehensive range of resources to support you in your studies and professional roles.



How much does it cost?

Practitioner: \$8,755

Advanced Practitioner: \$12,500

Management Entry Route: \$1,479

Funding to support your enrolment costs is available, including full (100%) and partial (50%) subsidies. Please note funding is limited, and expressions of interest will be assessed and awarded on merit.

Assessment of applications will consider:

- an employee's professional development plan and demonstrated commitment to professional development
- the volume, value, risk and complexity of the employee's procurement and contract management activity and responsibilities
- alignment with the public authority's capability development plan
- ensuring a distribution of subsidies across South Australian government departments.

If applicants are unsuccessful in receiving a subsidy, they will be able to self-fund at the contracted rates with CIPSA if they wish.



Who should enrol?

Depending on the entry level, opportunities are available for staff between the ASO4 to MAS3 classification. Refer below to the recommended pathways.

Corporate Award - Practitioner	Corporate Award - Advanced Practitioner	Management Entry Route
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff with 1-5 years procurement and/or contract management experience at a minimum ASO4 classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff with 3-5 years procurement and/or contract management experience at a minimum ASO6 to MAS3 classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff with 5+ years procurement and/or contract management experience at a minimum ASO7 to MAS3 classification and/or staff that have achieved a CIPS Accredited Degree through an approved Higher Education Institution.



What is MCIPS?

MCIPS is a globally acknowledged award that recognises a professionals' formal qualifications combined with work experience.



Corporate Award – Practitioner and Advanced Practitioner

Corporate Award is a practical, work-based learning program with coursework tailored to SA Government.

The Practitioner level is designed for staff with up to 5 years experience in procurement and/or contract management. On completion of Practitioner level, a CIPS Diploma is achieved.

The Advanced Practitioner level is designed for staff with 3-5 years procurement and/or contract management experience at a minimum ASO6 to MAS3 classification. On completion of the Advanced level, MCIPS is achieved.

The Corporate Award Program is delivered over 5 two-day training workshops (face-to-face and via webinar).

The timeline to complete the Corporate Award program is as follows:

Practitioner: 9-12 months

Advanced Practitioner: 12-15 months



Management Entry Route

The Management Entry Route is designed for senior managers who have been working at a senior strategic role within procurement and/or contract management for at least 5 years with several years' experience at an operational level.

Participants will submit evidence of experience, undergo an assessment and be provided their MCIPS as a result.



How do I apply?

If you're interested in applying for the Corporate Award Program, complete an expression of interest form and send to contact@procurement.sa.gov.au by COB 3 May 2021.