



Procurement Certification Training Program

The estimated value of procurement by governments of Australia now exceeds \$198 billion per annum. On an individual basis, goods and services procurement can account for about two-thirds of government's non-human resource spending. Goods and services procurement is clearly a key strategic management function that should be managed and directed by professionals.

The Procurement Certification Training (PCT) Program is designed to meet the needs of NSW public sector employees involved with procurement, ranging from occasional low-value purchasers to advanced practitioners. Course content blends standard procurement competencies with knowledge and practices specific to the NSW public sector.

PCT comprises four levels:

1. Understanding NSW Public Sector Procurement
2. Effective Procurement Capabilities
3. Procurement and Contract Management
4. Strategic Procurement and Contract Management

NSW Procurement and IPAA NSW have formed an alliance to deliver the PCT Program. NSW Procurement with industry specialists defines and manages the course content and IPAA NSW coordinates the delivery of the program

PCT BENEFITS

NSW government agencies will benefit from staff who have procurement knowledge commensurate to their level of procurement involvement. The PCT program has been developed in collaboration with the ICAC, ensuring staff understand responsibilities and accountabilities in procurement and contracting.

PCT participants will gain confidence and capability in their procurement work and, for Levels 3 & 4, attain nationally recognised qualifications in procurement and contracting.

QUALIFICATIONS & RECOGNITION

Levels 3 & 4 of the PCT Program are aligned to Australian Training Qualifications Framework procurement and contracting qualifications:

- Level 3 PCT: successful participants are eligible to be awarded a Diploma of Government (Procurement and Contracting)
- Level 4 PCT: successful participants are eligible to be awarded an Advanced Diploma of Government (Procurement and Contracting)

Prospective PCT participants who wish to enter the Program at Level 2 or Level 3 may apply for formal assessment to attain accelerated entry.

Participants who successfully complete Level 4 PCT will be eligible to apply for membership and recognition from professional bodies:

- Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply - Australia (CIPSA): CIPS Diploma membership
- Australian Association of Procurement & Contract Management (AAPCM): Qualified membership, plus certification dependent on procurement experience

COURSE SCHEDULE & COSTS

Please visit www.nswprocurement.com.au to view the course fact sheets. To register your interest, obtain course costs, additional information or arrange an in-house course, call IPAA (Institute of Public Administration Australia) on 02 9228 5225 or visit www.nsw.ipaa.org.au

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