



Procurement Certification Training Program Recognition & Qualification Pathways

The NSW Procurement Certification Training (PCT) Program is designed to equip those engaged in government procurement with the knowledge and capability to apply value for money decisions and contribute to savings in government spend.

TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS

NSW Procurement is a business unit of the NSW Department of Services, Technology and Administration.

We aim to be a centre of expertise for procurement across government, leading the way in government procurement initiatives and solutions designed to deliver efficiencies and cost savings for the whole of government.

Our services include the provision of procurement training to other NSW public sector agencies.

The Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) NSW is a leading training provider to the NSW public sector and is recognised for its outstanding service and for delivering relevant, high quality, cost effective learning and development programs.

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

DIFFERENT NEEDS & DIFFERENT GOALS

NSW Procurement recognises that students have different learning needs, entry levels, and aspirations in procurement, ranging from those who want to understand public sector procurement through to procurement specialists who want to gain academic qualifications to underpin their career.

To this end, we have created pathways that allow you to enter the training program, build your capability, and gain recognition and qualifications according to your need.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING FOR PCT PROGRAM ENTRY

The PCT Program is graduated and sequential. Typically, you enter at Level 1 and continue through each Level (1 to 4). To view a table detailing the different levels of training on offer please see the accompanying fact sheet, "Procurement Certification Training Program", or visit www.nswprocurement.com.au.

Some students, who have substantial experience in NSW public sector procurement, may elect to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and enter the Program at Level 3.

The RPL assessment process is conducted by an independent Registered Training Organisation (RTO). You can choose to have an individual briefing or attend a structured one-day workshop to receive instructions on providing the necessary evidence for competency assessment. You will be assessed for those National Units of Competency covered in Levels 1 & 2 of the PCT Program.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Students attending PCT courses are required to undertake post-training assessment/s tasks at Levels 2 to 4. You will be issued with a certificate of completion upon successful completion of the assessment task/s.

MEMBERSHIP OF CIPSA

The Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply - Australia (CIPSA) is the leading body representing purchasing and supply chain management. The PCT Program has received formal endorsement from CIPSA. Students who have successfully completed Levels 1 to 4 of the PCT Program will be eligible to apply for CIPS Diploma membership and be eligible for accelerated entry to the CIPS Level 5 Advanced Diploma.

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STATEMENTS OF ATTAINMENT

NSW Procurement has arrangements with TAFE NSW - Sydney Institute for students who have successfully completed their PCT Program studies. Under this arrangement you may apply for a Statement of Attainment listing the equivalent National Units of Competency recognised as having been satisfied. These Statements of Attainment can be presented to any RTO around Australia and will be recognised as part of your completion of a recognised Australian qualification. Examples listed below in Articulation.

After you have completed levels 1 to 3 of the PCT Program you may apply for a TAFE NSW Statement of Attainment in Government Procurement Services (Procuring Goods & Services). After you have completed Level 4 of the PCT Program you may apply for a TAFE NSW Statement of Attainment in Government Procurement Services (Managing Procurement of Goods and Services).

ARTICULATION INTO HIGHER LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS

The PCT Program aims to provide the foundation platform that links or articulates to higher level tertiary qualifications offered by the Vocational (e.g. TAFE) and University sectors.

CONTACTS

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Procurement Certification Training Program Course Enrolment, Information and Questions	IPAA NSW	02 9228 5225	info@nsw.ipaa.org.au	www.nsw.ipaa.org.au
Recognition of Prior Learning for PCT Program Entry	IPAA NSW	02 9228 5225	info@nsw.ipaa.org.au	www.nsw.ipaa.org.au
Recognition of Prior Learning for National Qualifications	NSW Procurement	1800 679 289	nswbuy@services.nsw.gov.au	
CIPSA Membership		1300 765 142	membership@cipsa.com.au	

For example, the PCT Program articulates to the following national qualifications offered by TAFE NSW:

1. Completion of Level 3 of the PCT Program counts towards 9 of the 11 National Units required to obtain the Diploma in Government (Contract Management)
2. Completion of Level 4 of the PCT Program counts towards 8 of the 15 National Units required to obtain the Advanced Diploma in Government (Strategic Procurement)

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING FOR NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

NSW Procurement has special arrangements with TAFE NSW Sydney Institute for students to gain national qualifications.

Under this arrangement, when you have successfully completed Level 3 of the PCT Program you may apply to undertake a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessment process to gain recognition of competency in the 2 additional National Units required to be awarded a Diploma in Government (Contract Management). Similarly, when you have successfully completed Level 4 of the PCT Program you may apply to undertake an RPL assessment process for recognition of competency for the 7 additional National Units you require to be awarded an Advanced Diploma in Government (Strategic Procurement).



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FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or to obtain a copy of the Contract Guide, please contact the Client Support Centre.

