

Scotland Excel

CIPS Corporate Award Advanced Practitioner Programme (SCQF8/9 : HND/Degree Equivalent)

Scotland Excel delivers the CIPS Corporate Award Advanced Practitioner to the Scottish public sector. Combined with three years' experience this qualification entitles candidates to MCIPS (i.e. full membership of The Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply). MCIPS is an internationally recognised award which represents the global standard for a procurement and supply professional.

Highlights of this programme include:

- content that is specifically customised by Scotland Excel's procurement experts for the Scottish public sector
- applied-learning methodologies foster deeper learning than via exams
- the collaborative and co-operative activities, the work-based assignments and the Live Business Project, in which the candidates practically apply key procurement skills to real-life work, drive learning directly and immediately into the purchasing organisation providing a return on investment
- face-to-face or online workshops are complemented by guided learning opportunities through Scotland Excel's award-winning online Academy

How is the course structured?

The Advanced Practitioner programme is a work-based alternative to the self-study and college-based exam routes. It equates to the CIPS Advanced Diploma and the Professional Diploma and consists of an induction workshop and 6 full-day workshops (and 3 one-to-one Project surgeries), covering:

- Strategic supply chain management
- Advanced category management
- Contracting excellence in procurement and supply
- Developing people in procurement and supply chain management
- Implementing change in procurement and supply chain management
- The Live Business Project

The Advanced Practitioner programme can be a standalone qualification or can follow a candidate's completion of the Practitioner programme.

Why us?

Scotland Excel is the Centre of Procurement Expertise for Scotland's Local Government sector and is the only provider of this programme to the Scottish public sector. Our overarching aim is to further drive the professionalisation of the Scottish public procurement sector to achieve for it the same esteem as other chartered professions. Further, these programmes are supported by the award-winning Scotland Excel Academy, which provides enhanced interactive learning experiences and Scotland Excel is an SQA and CMI Approved Centre and a CMI Chartered Manager Assessment Centre.



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Essential Information

How will the course be delivered?

The programme is delivered by Scotland Excel's public procurement experts who have a proven record of delivering this programme. Each module uses the "flipped classroom" methodology: pre-work by candidates avoids lectures and permits collaborative and co-operative practical activities in workshops instead. This, and post-workshop activities, guides candidate on how to successfully complete each assignment.

Who is the course aimed at?

Public sector employees in Scotland who undertake procurement at an organisational and / or strategic level and who hold a CIPS Diploma or Practitioner Award, or who have passed a CIPS Skills Assessment.

How much does it cost?

The Advanced Practitioner costs £2,613 per candidate for Local Authority members of Scotland Excel, £2,874 for associate members and £3,136 for other public sector candidates.

What will I need to do to participate?

Candidates must have previous or current wider organisational and strategic procurement experience and people and change management experience.

Course Dates and Delivery Method

Cohort#4 Advanced Practitioner starts on the 2nd September 2021, with the last taught unit workshop delivered on 15th September 2022 – followed by the project surgeries and final presentation. Further cohorts can be negotiated with Scotland Excel. Courses are run online. Scotland Excel have a proven track record of successfully delivering this course via remote technology.

2 nd September '21	Induction workshop
30 th September '21	Strategic Supply Chain Management
20 th January '22	Advanced Category Management
28 th April '22	Contracting Excellence
1 st September '22	Developing People
15 th September '22	Implementing Change
12 th January '23	Project Workshop
3 rd November '23	Final Project Oral Presentation

How is the Course Assessed?

Four 3,000-word assignments and a 10,000-word live business project and presentation are undertaken. Assignments are submitted to the Scotland Excel Academy, and then to CIPS for assessment. Marks and feedback are provided by CIPS within 7 weeks of assignment submission.

How much time will the course take me?

In addition to the full-day workshops, candidates should expect to work independently for at least 16 hours per month (comprising guided learning activities and completion of assessments).

How can I expect my employer to support me?

Organisations are strongly advised to provide an in-house mentor to guide the candidate on their function's practice and to provide other support.

What qualification will I receive if I successfully complete the course?

On successful completion of the course candidates will receive the CIPS Advanced Practitioner Award.

How do I book a place?

Register your place, express an interest, or request further information by contacting Helene.Holden@scotland-excel.org.uk



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