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Commercial Procurement & Supply

Level: 4

Duration: 17 - 20 Months **Entry Requirements:**

- Candidates should already be working within a Procurement & Supply related role and have direct opportunity to manage procurement based projects within their job role.
- Candidates must be supported by a technical expert from the apprentice's workplace e.g. line manager or mentor. Technical experts must have a minimum of 3 years commercial/procurement experience, and a relevant professional qualification.
- The entry requirement for this apprenticeship will be decided by each employer, but may typically be five GCSEs at Grade C or higher.

Overview:

The Level 4 in Procurement and Supply develops breadth and depth of knowledge, covering the entire procurement cycle. It will enable candidates to position themselves as fully effective and commercially skilled professionals with transferable skills and career options that span the public, private and charitable sectors.

Qualification Awarded:

- Commercial Procurement & Supply Standard
- CIPS Level 4 Diploma in Procurement and Supply
- Functional Skills English Level 2
- Functional Skills Maths Level 2

Key Topics:

- Context of Procurement & Supply
- Supplier Management
- Sourcing & Contract Agreements
- Pre-procurement & early market engagement
- Category Management

CIPS Diploma Topics:

- Scope and Influence of Procurement & Supply
- Defining Business Need
- Commercial Contracting
- Ethical and Responsible Sourcing
- Commercial Negotiation
- Supplier Relationships
- Whole Life Asset Management
- Procurement and Supply in Practice

Assessment Methods:

A variety of assessment methods will be used to demonstrate knowledge and competence:

- Workbooks
- Discussions
- Assignments
- Witness testimony
- Product evidence

Reflective accounts

Observation

End Point Assessment

End point assessment or "EPA" has been created to assess the knowledge, skills and behaviours gained throughout the qualification. EPA is conducted by an external independent body chosen by the employer. EPA offers the chance to showcase your skills and be awarded a grade that reflects your performance. EPA will consist of the below activities:

- Project Report
- Presentation & Questioning

To complete the CIPS Diploma element of the qualification, you will be required to sit and pass exams relating to each of the topics.