

Socially Responsible Procurement [L3M5]

Target Audience:

This qualification will prepare intermediate level learners looking to specialise in procurement and supply (Particularly Contract management) and to progress onto the CIPS Level 4 Diploma in Procurement and Supply.

Hours: 60 Hours

Pre-requisite: Basic understanding of how supply chain works. This is the second entry level qualification, there are no formal entry requirements.

1.0 Understand the concepts of sustainability and

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

1.1 Explain the concept of sustainability and the practical

implications for procurement and supply

- Meeting the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
- Adopting a broader range of decision-making criteria other than traditional economic criteria.
- Extending procurement decision-making criteria away from just price and quality
- Including environmental merits and social impacts of alternative solutions

1.2 Explain the importance of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

- Extension of corporate goals and decisions to include organisational objectives and financial measures of performance.
- Promoting good corporate citizenship and responsibility for corporate actions
- Encouraging positive impact on all stakeholders
- Social, economic and cultural diversity

2.0 Understand the environmental impact of

procurement and supply

2.1 Describe the impact of environmental sustainability

- Globalisation vs. green logistics
- Public awareness
- External pressure on organisations
- International legislation and agreements

2.2 Explain the environmental impact of transportation and storage

- Air pollution and atmospheric emissions
- Carbon footprint calculation
- Noise pollution
- Accidents
- Vibration
- Land-take
- Visual intrusion

2.3 Explain the role of government in promoting environmental sustainability

- Define sustainability
- Define environmental impact
- Greener modes of transport
- Energy efficiency
- Reducing emissions

3.0 Know the implications of CSR for the procurement and

supply function

3.1 Identify procurement and supply processes and practices that the organisation may adopt to support CSR

- Adoption of sustainable practices, standards and specifications in the supply chain

- Consideration of the social impact of the organisation's behaviours.
- Design procurement processes to deliver positive social outcomes
- Expanding reporting frameworks to include ecological and social performance
- Defining organisational value for money to include social outcomes – such as the use of local labour and participation of disadvantaged and/or minority groups

3.2 Describe the triple bottom line concept and how it should apply to procurement and supply

- Three pillars of social responsibility such as:
- People
- Profit
- Planet

3.3 Describe the key metrics that can be used to measure and report on sustainability

- Environmental – such as energy consumption, water consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, waste generation
- Social – such as demographic trends, use of local labour, disadvantaged and/ or minority groups

4.0 Understand methods to monitor Corporate Social

Responsibility (CSR) in procurement and supply

4.1 Describe the key methods that can be used to monitor

CSR compliance

- Discuss methods such as:
- KPIs
- Audits

- Supplier appraisals
- The use of regulatory frameworks