

Certificate in Purchasing

The Certificate in Purchasing is based on the previous C.P.P. principles based accreditation program which has now been replaced by the Strategic Supply Chain Management Leadership Program (SSCMLP). Anyone who has completed the requirements prior to the completion of the previous program (December 2009) can apply for the CIP up to March 31, 2010. No applicants will be accepted after this date. Interested candidates who have not completed the requirements can continue with the new Supply Management Training (SMT) Diploma Program.

Procurement practitioners work in a global economy whether their organizations source around the world or around town. Everyday, the forces at work in the world economy have a direct impact on supply management fundamentals, price, inventories, delivery, quality and availability. So, purchasing professionals in the private and public sectors require operational training that equips them with the skills to prosper and effectively manage risk in various situations.

The PMAC Certificate in Purchasing meets the highest world standard for operational excellence and was accredited in 2001 by the International Federation of Purchasing and Materials Management (IFPMM) as complying fully with the requirements of the Federation's Certificate of Competence in Purchasing. IFPMM is the pre-eminent umbrella body of purchasing associations worldwide.

PMAC introduced the PMAC Certificate in Purchasing to recognize technical proficiency. It's for people who have demonstrated a solid understanding of purchasing, logistics and supply management through successfully completing the required PMAC courses and seminars.

No matter where their suppliers may be, a PMAC Certificate in Purchasing prepares today's purchasing practitioners to make the most of every opportunity for their employers, while putting their own careers on a fast track.

Completion Requirements

1. Principles of Buying

2. Two of:

- Principles of Inventory and Operations Control
- Principles of Transportation and Logistics
- Principles of Quality

3. Four PMAC seminar credits

Who Is Eligible?

Entry-level buyers, individuals who work outside the purchasing field but who have some supply management responsibilities, other practitioners, and those who work on cross-functional teams with purchasing and logistics professionals in their organizations. Those in the process of earning a C.P.P./a.p.a. designation who have completed the appropriate courses and seminars can also apply for the Certificate.

There is no requirement for formal registration or enrolment. Individuals simply complete the program requirements and forward an application with proof of course and seminar completion to the PMAC national office.

Payment of a fee is required when application is made, and if needed, for any searches to establish proof of course completion.

You do not need to be a member of PMAC to apply for the Certificate. Anyone who has completed the requirements can submit an application form (PDF, 147 KB) up to March 31, 2010.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do Principles courses and PMAC credit seminars I have completed before the May 1, 1998 inception date qualify for the Certificate?

Yes. Whether you are just finishing the courses and seminars required for the certificate, or you completed them several years ago, you can apply for the certificate.

Do I need to be a PMAC member to apply for the Certificate?

No. But members are granted a discount on fees.

How much does the Certificate cost?

For members of PMAC, the certificate costs \$100 plus applicable taxes. For non-members, the certificate costs \$200 plus applicable taxes. Additional charges may apply for searches and equivalencies. To become a member, contact your local Institute of the Purchasing Management Association of Canada.

If I have paid my fees for the C.P.P. program, do I have to pay for the Certificate?

Yes. The two programs are separate entities.

If I have already earned the C.P.P. designation, do I have to pay for the Certificate?

Yes. Completion of the C.P.P. program does not qualify you for a complimentary Certificate in Purchasing. They are two separate programs.

If I have completed two of the Principles courses through the C.P.P. program, can I be exempted from the remainder of Principles courses for the Certificate?

The Certificate does not offer any exemptions. All candidates applying for the certificate must complete three of the four Principles courses and 4 PMAC seminar credits.