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## **CIPSA Launches New Pathway Towards MCIPS**

The Chartered Institute of Purchasing Australia (CIPSA) has announced the introduction of a new, experienced-based assessment route to CIPSA full membership, MCIPS. Known as the Professional Assessment Scheme (PAS), this route will provide experienced procurement practitioners with an opportunity to gain formal professional recognition through the work they undertake in purchasing and supply management.

The Professional Assessment Scheme is an alternative route to MCIPS that allows practitioners to undergo a less academic form of assessment. There are no formal examinations; instead assessment is based on practical procurement experience and some theoretical knowledge and understanding.

According to Jonathan Dutton, Managing Director, CIPS Australia, "All routes to MCIPS are equally robust, however PAS is designed to enable middle and senior managers to link their day to day practitioner activities and experience to current and emerging theory".

MCIPS is the final stage in providing individuals with extensive knowledge at the strategic level of procurement, and represents an expression of professionalism associated with achieving the highest recognised global standard of excellence in procurement.

This new type of assessment is unique to CIPS Australia. All potential candidates need to go through a pre-qualification process before being accepted onto the PAS route to MCIPS. The minimum entry criteria which must be validated are:

- Total of 8 years experience in procurement
- 5 years functional and line management at middle or senior level management
- CV/background overview for the last 8 years
- Job description

Other routes to achieving MCIPS include completion of the CIPS Professional Diploma in Purchasing and Supply, completion of a CIPS accredited degree, the CIPS Corporate Award, or the CIPS Personal Development Plan route.

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