



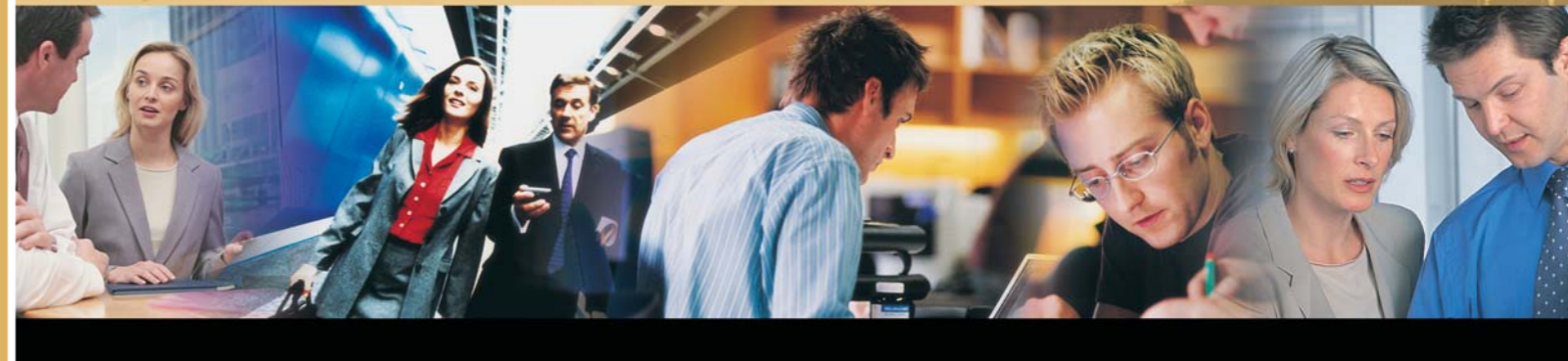
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THE PROCUREMENT AND  
SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE



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# Procurement and Supply Management...?



## IIPMM BACHELOR OF BUSINESS HONOURS, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY MANAGEMENT (BBus Hons)

Accredited by the Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC)  
National Framework for Qualifications – Level 8



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## BACHELOR OF BUSINESS HONOURS, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY MANAGEMENT – NFQ LEVEL 8

This programme was established in 2008 as part of a new education syllabus devised by the Institute and accredited by the Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC). The Bachelor of Business (Honours), Procurement and Supply Management is accredited at Level 8 on the **National Framework for Qualifications (NFQ)**. The Bachelor of Business (Honours) is available on a nationwide basis and is delivered both on a taught and block basis.

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of this level are:

To develop learners skills in analysing and evaluating current issues impacting on the competitive position of the organisation

To develop a capacity to move from an operational to a strategic focus and appreciate the difference and need for both perspectives to allow learners to take a comprehensive strategic perspective to procurement and supply so that the learner can make a specific contribution through their procurement and supply function to the strategic management of their organisation to develop in learners a contextual basis for their studies through the Research Assignment

### AWARD

On successful completion of all modules the Bachelor of Business Honours, is awarded by HETAC with either; Distinction, Merit Grade 1, Merit Grade 2 or, Pass.

### PROGRESSION

This award is the final stage of the Institutes degree Programme at level 8 and on success completion of the final 4 modules, the Bachelor of Business (Honours) is awarded by HETAC.

After completing the Institute's level 8 honours degree, graduates will be eligible for entry to appropriate master degree programmes at level 9 on the framework

### WHY UNDERTAKE THIS COURSE?

If you are in a procurement or supply role and aspire to management or senior management, or if you just want to keep abreast of the rapid changes in the profession and in business this course is essential.

It provides a mix of business and procurement related modules that will provide you with the skills and knowledge to develop your competence and expertise that will add value to your employer and you.

The programme will build on the knowledge that has been developed at the earlier levels of study and, is also a pre-requisite for entry to masters programmes at level 9 and is a vital step towards membership of the professional body.

### STRUCTURE OF THE BACHELOR OF BUSINESS (HONOURS)

The Bachelor of Business has 1 stage at level 8: The modules in this stage are 15 credit modules and all of the level 6 and 7 modules must be completed, by assessment or exemption, prior to commencing this stage of the programme. To be awarded the Bachelor of Business (Honours), 240 credits of learning are required. Of this 180 credits will have come from previous studies at level 6 and 7.

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The aim of this level is to develop an in-depth understanding of business management and the purchasing and supply function. It will build on the earlier modules at level 6 and level 7.

At this level, learners, are expected to have a capacity to draw complex information together and, reflect on their own practice and skills. They will demonstrate this in a research assignment. This is also required to demonstrate a deeper understanding of procurement and supply management.

At level 8, the combination of modules reflect this strategic focus and include;

- Business Policy
- Advanced Supply Management
- Strategic Procurement
- Research Assignment Project

It is important that the integration of these modules into one strategic unit is understood by learners. Therefore, there will be an integrative assignment designed to achieve this aim. This assignment will bridge the three taught modules.

This level will lead to a stage award – Bachelor of Business (Honours), Procurement and Supply Management and Case Studies will feature prominently.

The Business Policy module will make use of case studies as a core element in the delivery of this module.

Level 8 is completed when all 4 modules have been successfully completed. This will result in the HETAC level 8 award, Bachelor of Business (Honours).

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For entry to the programme a candidate must:

- Have completed the ordinary degree in procurement or other level 7 equivalent programme or be a graduate of the IIPMM.
- Be over 23 years of age
- Have at least three years appropriate work experience
- Be working in procurement and supply management in the private or public sectors
- Have five passes in the Leaving Certificate including Mathematics and English or an equivalent educational standard

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### EXEMPTIONS

There are no exemptions available in the honours degree programme.

### MODULE SEQUENCE

The level 7 modules must be completed prior to commencing level 8. It is recommended that the modules are taken in the sequence that they appear in this brochure.

### LEARNING SUPPORTS

The Institute provides a comprehensive series of supports for students in their studies including:

- Detailed module descriptors
- Assessment guides
- On-line resources and support
- Past and sample papers
- Technical seminars
- Module specific study guides

### TUITION

Evening Classes

The Institute offers the course on a part-time evening basis at selected third level institutes and some colleges of further education.

Each college will set out its own delivery schedule, but usually the evening classes run during the academic year.

### BLOCK LEARNING

We offer a block learning approach that gives you the flexibility to study for your qualification without the need to attend weekly lectures. With our weekend tutorial sessions each month you can condense your lecture time without interfering with your busy lifestyle. You will still benefit from our extensive range of learning supports and will also have access to your tutors online. See the institute website for details of tuition location.

### ASSESSMENTS

The choice of assessment methods for each module will reflect the stated objectives, the learning outcomes and, the teaching methods employed. The assessment instruments will include:

- Module Assignments
- Terminal Examinations
- Learner Reflections
- Research Assignment
- Integrative Assessment

### COSTS

Evening Classes

The cost per module for the Bachelor of Business in the academic year 2008/2009 will be €395 per module.

This includes, study guide (but not the core text), examinations, Technical Seminars and on-line support. The cost of the lecturing is not included and is paid directly to the third level institute or college of further education.

### BLOCK LEARNING

The cost per module for the Higher certificate in the academic year 2008/2009 will be €830.

This includes the elements above and the regular tutorial sessions.

The Research Assignment fee is €500.

### ALL FEES QUALIFY FOR TAX RELIEF OF 20%

### HOW TO APPLY

You can find further information on our website including registration forms or you can call IIPMM directly.

### AT A GLANCE:

- Opportunity to achieve a HETAC accredited qualification
- National Framework for Qualifications level 7 award
- Recognised and supported by employers
- Developed by procurement professionals and academics
- Blend of business and professional procurement modules
- Available nationwide
- Taught and block learning options
- Flexible modular structure to suit individual needs
- A part-time programme that you can pursue whilst working
- The programme has a unique learner assessment that allows you to relate your studies to your role in procurement