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Dear Jason

**Re: Development and Accreditation of Vocational Procurement Diplomas**

Thank you for your letter dated 12 February 2016; I have read your letter and your view is different from the actions taken by my Professional Development team to ensure that both ABC and Gateway had a clear understanding of what was required to apply for accreditation by CIPS for the VQ's in Procurement.

CIPS have a clear position statement that sets out the requirements for Awarding Organisations applying to CIPS to have a programme accredited.

The policy and standards for membership and education are always strictly adhered to with a clear and transparent process. We have made a decision concerning these vocational procurement qualifications and I appreciate that this is a disappointment both to you and the other training providers but this decision is final and this will not be overturned.

However, my professional development team is trying to find a solution where the learners' achievement can still have some form of recognition. This project is ongoing and if and when we are able to provide a solution that will maintain or exceed our standards you will be notified as appropriate through the usual channels.

CIPS has put in a considerable amount of time to try and ensure that that these qualifications fulfil our MCIPS requirements in the same manner as the 100+ other programmes that we recognise globally. An objective of our public good agenda is the recognition of third party qualifications but only if they achieve the standards the profession expects from someone who has been award MCIPS.

Yours sincerely



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