

## Country case: Certification of capabilities for procurement in the UK

### Description

The Government Procurement Service (GPS) has defined a strategy to “Build the Procurement Profession in Government”. Although GPS does not certify procurement professionals, it intends to build a “community of procurement professionals” distinguished by core competencies that include: an understanding of commercial drivers such as profits, margins, shareholders, cost models, total costs of acquisitions and whole-life costs together with knowledge and understanding of procurement and contract law.

Public Procurement

Principle: **Capacity**

Procurement Stage:

**All phases**

Audience: **Policy Maker,**

**Procuring Entity**

Procurement professionals are encouraged to maintain their professional development on a continuous basis. Being a GPS member helps raising the profile of procurement as a profession, and presenting it as an attractive career option; contributes to increase capacity in the profession via entry schemes, creating skills frameworks to help raise standards; and supports the development of skills and capability.

Source: OECD (2013), [Public Procurement Review of the State's Employees' Social Security and Social Services Institute in Mexico](#), OECD Publishing, Paris.