Postgraduate Diploma in
Supply Chain Management

- **SAQA ID:** 125997
- **NQF Level:** 8 (120 Credits)
- **Study Options:** Online
- **Duration:** Full-time (1 year) | Part-time (2 years)

Career Opportunities:

- Supply Chain Manager
- Chief Operations Officer (COO)
- Business Owner
- Logistics Manager
- Procurement Manager
- Supply Chain Analyst



Overview
of the Programme

The Postgraduate Diploma in Supply Chain Management is an IMM Graduate School qualification registered at NQF Level 8 (SAQA ID 125997) and quality assured by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) South Africa.

This qualification is designed for professionals who already have a strong business foundation and wish to change career paths, enhance their qualifications, move into management, or specialise in supply chain management. The programme develops advanced supply chain knowledge, strategic thinking, and practical problem-solving skills that can be applied across a wide range of industries.

Students explore contemporary supply chain management models, procurement and strategic sourcing, international trade and logistics, risk management in supply chains, and supply chain technologies, while learning to analyse complex business challenges using real-world case studies.

1 Career and Further Study Progression

Graduates who achieve a final average of 60% or higher, subject to the IMM Graduate School's admission requirements, may qualify for admission to the Master's Research and Proposal Writing (MRPW) module.

This qualification provides a pathway towards master's level study and supports progression into senior supply chain leadership roles.

2 Programme Structure

The programme structure differs for full-time and part-time students:

The Postgraduate Diploma in Supply Chain Management comprises six compulsory 20-credit modules.

Students also complete Academic Skills Development for Postgraduate Studies (ASDPG).

Full-time Academic Year 1 – Semester 1
- Academic Skills Development for
- Postgraduate Studies (ASDPG)
- Applied Supply Chain Management
- Applied International Trade and Logistics
- Applied Procurement and Strategic Sourcing

Full-time Academic Year 1 – Semester 2
- Sustainability and Risk Management
- in Supply Chains
- Applied Supply Chain Technologies
- Applied Supply Chain Project

Part-time Academic Year 1 – Semester 1
- Academic Skills Development for Postgraduate Studies (ASDPG)
- Applied Supply Chain Management

Part-time Academic Year 1 – Semester 2
- Applied International Trade and Logistics
- Applied Procurement and Strategic Sourcing

Part-time Academic Year 2 – Semester 1
- Sustainability and Risk Management in Supply Chains
- Applied Supply Chain Technologies

Part-time Academic Year 2 – Semester 2
- Applied Supply Chain Project

Assessment

Assessment combines coursework, practical application and continuous assessment throughout the programme.

Assessments include:
- Module assignments
- Open-book examinations in selected modules
- Completion of an Applied Supply Chain Project, including practical online supply chain simulations, group assignments, presentations and a final assessment

3 Programme Exit Level Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the qualification, graduates will be able to:
- Develop and propose comprehensive supply chain strategies that enhance organisational efficiency, responsiveness, and competitiveness, using advanced principles and best practices in supply chain management.
- Apply advanced strategies in strategic sourcing and procurement operations to drive competitive advantage, create value, and sustain long-term organisational growth.
- Critically evaluate global trade dynamics to effectively design and implement strategies that optimise logistics operations across global markets.
- Propose solutions to real-world supply chain problems by applying theoretical knowledge to a practical supply chain management project, effectively addressing complex challenges.
- Design and apply risk management strategies that incorporate sustainability principles, ensuring that supply chain operations mitigate environmental, social, and economic risks while advancing long-term sustainability goals.
- Recommend and justify the use of cutting-edge technologies and analytical tools within the supply chain to optimise processes and enhance decision-making capabilities.

4 Study Options

The IMM Graduate School offers this qualification through an online learning format.

Students access all core learning materials through the eLearn platform, which includes:
- Module Teaching and Study Plans (MTSPs)
- Interactive digital learning content
- Self-assessment activities
- Additional reading resources
- Articles and supporting learning materials
- Academic and administrative communication

Learning is supported through:
- Regular live lectures
- Recorded lectures
- eDiscussion forums
- Dedicated academic support services

Students can also access the latest academic resources, including yearbooks, fee structures, academic calendars, application forms, and institutional policies.

5 Admission Criteria

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:
- A recognised three-year qualification at NQF Level 7 from an accredited higher education institution.
- A comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV).
- A motivational letter.

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