

Calendar of Events

September 11, 2024
- September 12, 2024

CPPB Prep Virtual Class - for Canadian Public Procurement Professionals only

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Sep 11 - 12, 2024

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Instructor: Lynda Allair, NIGP-CPP, CPPO

Click the link below to register on NIGP's website.

In an effort to prepare candidates for the computer-based CPPB exam containing 175 questions, this course provides a review that addresses key information on topics identified in the UPPCC Body of Knowledge (BoK-C). Considered as a tool to help the student in assessing their own strengths and weaknesses, as they relate to the subject matter, this course is only a part of the candidates overall study plan for preparation. Participation in this class does not guarantee success on the examination.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course participants will be able to:

Demonstrate knowledge of the content of the six domains in the body of knowledge as it relates to the CPPB Examination.

Describe the testing environment for the certification exams.

Explain various methods of study that will help prepare for the exam.

Intended Audience

This offering is targeted to individuals who meet or exceed the following professional demographics:

Entry-level public procurement and central warehouse professionals who serve as assistants, coordinators, buyers, or equivalent functions within their respective entities.

Non-procurement managers and supervisors who are responsible for either the procurement function or staff who provide procurement functions under delegated authority.

Professionals who are employed by governing entities and special authorities (such as K-12 and higher education, publicly-owned utilities, transportation providers, and other publicly-funded or created organizations) that either serve within or manage the procurement function.

Suppliers or representatives of suppliers seeking to understand the public procurement function from a holistic level, including the policies, standards, and procedures by which public entities must function.

Completion Requirements

Attendance at all sessions of the entire course is required and will be monitored.

Active participation in all self assessments is required

NIGP will not issue partial Contact Hours.

An evaluation form must be completed and returned to NIGP prior to the completion of the course

CEUs are not awarded for attendance.

Competency Alignment

The CPPB course does not follow NIGP Pathways Competency framework.

Registration

Registration: \$315 USD - a 20% discount off the regular NIGP fee. Prices valid until August 31, 2024.

Register, in US Dollars, [here](#).

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January 17, 2024
- December 31, 2024

NIGP Courses

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM EST

To find a list of courses and to register please click the "Register" button below.

Reminder: Indicate you are an OPBA member when registering.

May 14, 2024
- May 15, 2024

Principles - Competitive Bidding (Virtual)

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

May 14 - 15, 2024

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Tues, Apr 30, 2024, at 5:00 PM

May 16, 2024

Coffee with Counsel with Ashley Bridgeman, Solicitor, Region of Durham

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

Thurs, May 16

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Virtual Event

We are thrilled to welcome Ashley Bridgeman, a Solicitor from The Regional Municipality of Durham, to our next Coffee with Counsel. Ashley will discuss a recent Ontario Court of Appeal decision that deals with trade treaty obligations, among other issues. This will also include some discussion around BOBIA and how organizations might include social procurement ideals in their processes. Ashley will leave about 30 minutes for general procurement law questions, and we encourage members to send questions ahead of time for her consideration.

This session will be moderated by Michelle Trudel, Board Director.

Send your questions to members@opba.ca by 12:00 pm on Tuesday, May 13.

Ashley Bridgeman is a Solicitor for The Regional Municipality of Durham. Her practice is focused on procurement law, as well as general commercial contracting, allowing her to work closely with a wide range of client departments. Ashley has a specific interest in Information Technology implementation and contracting.

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Registration Fees:

Title
Fee
Member Status
Points
CEUs
Hours

Members
\$10.00 + HST
Members Only
0.0000
0.0000
1.0000

Non Members
\$20.00 + HST
All Registrants
0.0000
0.0000
1.0000

Please contact us for information regarding cancellations and/or refunds.

May 18, 2024
- May 19, 2024

June Exam Prep Course (Virtual)

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

May 18-19, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Learning

May 22, 2024
- May 23, 2024

Principles - Advanced Competitive Bidding (Virtual)

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

May 22 - 23, 2024

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Wed, May 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM

May 23, 2024

OPBA Talks: Open Mic with Your Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Thu, May 23, 2024

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Virtual Event

Registration closes: Tues, May 22, 2024

When OPBA's recently formed DEI Committee members sat down to create an action plan, they wondered what they could do that would be helpful and meaningful to members. Instead of developing a plan in isolation, they decided to host an OPBA Talks session and invite members to tell them what actions and resources they would like to see. Member's comments and ideas may pertain to public procurement practices or to the association. The committee is starting with an empty cup and they are inviting members to help fill it up.

Our goal is to create an open mic forum where OPBA members feel comfortable expressing their thoughts, ideas and experiences. What actions can we take to ensure that the association and the profession not only have DEI on their radar but are taking concrete steps. The discussion will help the committee develop an action plan to move DEI forward in the public procurement profession.

OPBA's Committee members:

Kim Squires, Chair, County of Peterborough

Dan Munshaw, OECM

catholique Providence (Csc Providence)

Anne-Marie Ricketts, Town of Whitby

Sherry Adams, Grey County

Karl Nana Payong, Conseil scolaire

Rozalyn Werner-Arcé, OPBA

Can't make the meeting but have thoughts to share? Send them to: members@opba.ca.

Free to OPBA Members.

Registration closes Tues, May 21, 2024

June 1, 2024

- June 7, 2024

JUNE 2024 PRINCIPLES CERTIFICATE EXAM

12:15 AM - 11:45 PM EST

June 1 - 7, 2024

Virtual

OPBA online platform

Registration closes Fri, May 24, 2024, at 5:00 PM

June 4, 2024

- June 5, 2024

Principles - Introduction to Public Purchasing (Virtual)

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

June 4 - 5, 2024

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Tues, May 21, 2024 at 5:00 PM

June 12, 2024
- June 13, 2024

Principles - Advanced Procurement for Construction (Virtual)

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

June 12 - 13, 2024

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Wed, May 29, 2024, at 5:00 PM

June 20, 2024

OPBA Annual Meeting

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Thu, Jun 20, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Event

Registration closes: Fri, Jun 14, 2024

All OPBA members in good standing are invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Watch your inbox for more details.

June 21, 2024

Buyers Meeting

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

Fri., June 21, 2024

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

July 9, 2024
- July 10, 2024

Principles - Introduction to Construction (Virtual)

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

July 9 - 10, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Tues, June 25, 2024, at 5:00 PM

July 17, 2024
- July 18, 2024

Principles - Advanced Procurement for Construction (Virtual)

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

July 17 - 18, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Wed, July 3, 2024, at 5:00 PM

September 10, 2024
- September 11, 2024

Principles - Introduction to Public Purchasing (Virtual)

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Sept 10 - 11, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Tues, Aug 27, 2024, at 5:00 PM

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Principles - Introduction to Construction (Virtual)
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Sept 18 - 19, 2024
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Virtual Learning

Registration closes Wed, Sept 4, 2024, at 5:00 PM

September 25, 2024
- September 27, 2024

2024 OPBA 66th Annual Conference
Ottawa Marriott
100 Kent Street
Ottawa, ON K1P 5R7
12:00 PM - 12:00 PM EST
Join us at the Ottawa Marriott hotel! Details about the conference will be published as they become available.

To assist you in your planning, below are the room rates:
Traditional Room: \$235.00
Deluxe Room: \$275.00

Reservations are not open yet.

October 2, 2024
- October 3, 2024

Principles - Risk Management (Virtual)
06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST
Oct 2 - 3, 2024
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Virtual Learning

Registration closes Wed, Sept 18, 2024, at 5:00 PM

October 8, 2024
- October 9, 2024

Principles - Purchasing and the Law (Virtual)
09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST
Oct 8 - 9, 2024
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Virtual Learning

Registration closes Wed, Sept 25, 2024, at 5:00 PM

October 15, 2024
- October 16, 2024

Principles - Cooperative Purchasing (Virtual)
06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST
Oct 15 - 16, 2024
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Virtual Learning

Registration closes Tues, Oct 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM

October 19, 2024
- October 20, 2024

November Exam Prep Course (Virtual)

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Oct 19 -20, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Wed, Oct 16, 2024, at 5:00 PM

October 22, 2024
- October 24, 2024

Principles - Competitive Bidding (Virtual)

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Oct 22 & 24, 2024

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Tues, Oct 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM

October 30, 2024
- October 31, 2024

Principles - Advanced Competitive Bidding (Virtual)

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Oct 30 - 31, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Wed, Oct 16, 2024, at 5:00 PM

November 1, 2024
- November 7, 2024

NOVEMBER 2024 PRINCIPLES CERTIFICATE EXAM

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST

November 1 - 7, 2024

Virtual

OPBA online platform

Registration closes Fri, Oct 25, 2024, at 5:00 PM

November 5, 2024
- November 6, 2024

Principles - Introduction to Public Purchasing (Virtual)

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Nov 5 - 6, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Tues, Oct 22, 2024, at 5:00 PM

November 12, 2024
- November 13, 2024

Principles - Advanced Procurement for Construction (Virtual)

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Nov 12 - 13, 2024

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Tues, Oct 22, 2024, at 5:00 PM

December 3, 2024
- December 4, 2024

Principles - Cooperative Purchasing (Virtual)

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Dec 3 & 4, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Tues, Nov 19, 2024, at 5:00 PM

December 10, 2024
- December 11, 2024

Principles - Introduction to Construction (Virtual)

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Dec 10 - 11, 2024

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Tues, Nov 26, 2024, at 5:00 PM

Coming Soon

Coffee with Counsel: Recent Developments in Procurement Law, including the Updates to On

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Thu, Mar 21, 2023

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Virtual Event

Registration closes: Tues, Mar 19, 2024 at 4:00 pm

OPBA is pleased to welcome Matthew Alter, Chair of the Construction Law Group and a Senior Partner at Cassels Brock, for our first Coffee with Counsel session in 2024. Matthew's practice focuses on representing public and private owners and developers, general contractors, and other construction industry participants in all aspects of construction and procurement. He advises clients on project delivery methods and procurement processes and drafts and negotiates various agreements for construction and infrastructure projects and related acquisitions. Matthew has been twice recognized by his peers as "Lawyer of the Year – Toronto" for Public Procurement.

This session will be moderated by OPBA's Past Board Chair, Tina Iacoe,

Do you have questions for Matthew? Send your them to rozalyn@opba.ca by 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 19.

A Zoom meeting link will be sent March 20, 2024.

Be advised that none of the responses should be taken as legal advice and that attendees must satisfy themselves with any information taken away from the session.?

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Available until Tues, Dec 5, 2023
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Non Members
\$20.00 + HST
Available until Tues, Dec 5, 2023
All Registrants
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Please contact us for information regarding cancellations and/or refunds.

Registration closes Tues, Mar 19, 2024 at 4:00 PM

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Coffee with Counsel with Ashley Bridgeman, Solicitor, Durham Region
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST