

Bulletin: Acquiring Chartership in Transport Planning

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Introduction

The recent webinar on the Chartered Transport Planning Professional (CTPP) qualification was presented by Cat Goumal, the Head of Education at CIHT. The session aimed to guide participants through the process of gaining chartership as a transport planning professional, highlighting the different routes, eligibility criteria, and application process. Additionally, other professionals shared their experiences working towards the CTPP qualification.

The CTPP qualification was launched in 2008 to provide professional recognition of the skills, knowledge, and competence of transport planners, similar to the Chartered Engineer status for engineers. It was developed jointly by CIHT and the Transport Planning Society (TPS), with CIHT managing the administration. Initially focused on the UK, the CTPP has garnered growing international interest since 2021, including from countries such as Ireland and New Zealand.

CTPP Benefits

- **Professional Recognition:** The CTPP designation allows individuals to use the letters CTPP after their name, indicating their professional competence.
- **Career Advancement:** Helps individuals stand out in a competitive field, potentially leading to better career and salary prospects.
- **Reflecting on Achievements:** The process provides an opportunity for professionals to reflect on and showcase their competence and achievements.

Eligibility & Routes to CTPP

- CTPP typically requires at least five years of practical experience in transport planning.
- Individuals must be members of CIHT, TPS, or a related organization.
- Different Routes:
 - **Senior Route:** For those with over 15 years of experience; no interview required, but a comprehensive paper submission is necessary.
 - **Standard Route:** The most common pathway; requires demonstrating a master's level of knowledge through various means:
 - Accredited Masters Degree in Transport Planning.
 - Portfolio of Technical Knowledge (PTK)/Technical Report for those without relevant academic qualifications.
 - Professional Development Scheme (PDS) supported by employers.

Application Components



Portfolio of Evidence
Includes academic certificates, professional CV, organizational chart, project synopsis, competence record forms, CPD record, and a professional development plan.



Professional Review Interview
Conducted remotely, lasting about 90 minutes, involving a presentation and a discussion with two CTPP reviewers.



Support & Resources

- **CIHT Learn:** Free online training resources mapped against TPP units, particularly useful for professional units like leadership and management.
- **Initial Assessment Service:** Free service to determine eligibility for different routes based on qualifications and experience.

CTPP Journeys



Senior Route: Jonathan Spear

Jonathan Spear shared insights into his TPP qualification journey via the Senior Route. He began by explaining his motivation for pursuing the TPP, which stemmed from a desire to formalize and recognize his extensive experience in transport planning. Jonathan detailed the challenges and rewards of the qualification process, including the preparation of technical reports and the submission of a comprehensive portfolio. He discussed how the TPP journey required him to reflect on his past experiences and translate them into tangible evidence of his skills.

Additionally, Jonathan highlighted the importance of mentorship and peer support in navigating the qualification stages, noting that having experienced colleagues to provide guidance made a significant difference in his progress. He encouraged aspiring TPP candidates to remain persistent and committed, emphasizing that the qualification not only validates one's skills but also opens up new career opportunities. Jonathan concluded by sharing his excitement about the future, indicating that achieving the TPP qualification would empower him to take on more complex projects and contribute more significantly to the field of transportation planning.



Technical Report: Prathyush Mukkadekkatt

Prathyush Mukkadekkatt, currently working as a Senior Transportation Engineer with Dar Al Handasah in Dubai, shared his extensive experience in the field of transportation planning and traffic engineering. With 17 years of professional experience, Prathyush has been involved in transport modeling, traffic assessment, and engineering projects. He discussed his academic background, having completed his bachelor's in Civil Engineering and master's in Traffic and Transportation Planning in India.

Prathyush elaborated on his journey towards obtaining the TPP qualification through the technical report route, as his master's degree was not recognized by the CIHT. He described the two-stage process of the technical report, including the submission of a detailed CV, a 1000-word report synopsis, and a comprehensive CPD record. Prathyush is currently in the process of completing the second stage of the technical report, which involves elaborating on his experience and demonstrating his technical knowledge in accordance with CIHT requirements. He highlighted the importance of the TPP qualification in enhancing technical knowledge and professional credibility.

The Chartered Transport Planning Professional qualification represents a significant milestone in a transport planner's career, offering professional recognition and numerous career benefits. Whether considering the senior route or the standard route, CIHT provides comprehensive support and resources to guide individuals through the process. This qualification is an excellent opportunity for those passionate about advancing their career in transport planning to gain professional recognition and open up new career prospects.



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