



## **FAQ: Procurement U Upcoming Changes**

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### **Q: What is the Procurement Professionals Alliance (PPA)?**

[PPA](#) is a newly created member-based professional organization dedicated to unifying and elevating the procurement industry through education, certification reimbursement, networking, and industry insights. PPA was formed to serve the broader procurement community including public, private, nonprofit, and academic stakeholders.

### **Q: What's changing?**

Beginning **January 1, 2026**, full access to Procurement U's free course catalog—including self-paced courses, microlearnings, and all instructor-led trainings—will be available **only to NASPO members and PPA members**.

Non-members will still retain their learning history, certificates, and a selection of partner-developed courses, but will no longer be able to access the full course catalog.

### **Q: How can I retain full access to Procurement U Courses after January 1st?**

A: To keep enjoying the full Procurement U experience—including 100+ self-paced courses, award-winning instructor-led trainings, and new releases—you'll need to be a NASPO or PPA member after January 1, 2026.

Visit the Procurement Professionals Alliance (PPA) website to learn more and join today. [How to Participate – Procurement Professionals Alliance](#)

### **Q: Will Procurement U Courses still be free?**

Starting January 1, 2026, NASPO and PPA members will enjoy unlimited access to the complete Procurement U catalog, with all NASPO-developed courses still available at no additional cost.

### **Q: Will Procurement U still be a part of NASPO?**

Yes, Procurement U will continue as NASPO's professional development program, providing education to both NASPO and PPA members.

### **Q: Who can join PPA?**

PPA is open to procurement professionals and stakeholders at all career levels, from students and entry-level buyers to seasoned leaders. PPA membership is also available to private sector organizations that provide goods/services/solutions to public sector, educational, and non-profit organizations.

**Q: Is there a cost to join PPA?**

A: Not if you join early! Membership is free for two years for procurement professionals who join PPA before January 1, 2026. After that, there will be a membership fee to join PPA. For more information on membership categories and to join PPA visit <https://www.joinppa.org/how-to-participate/#join-ppa>

*Note: Supplier members will receive one free year of membership if registered before January 1, 2026.*

**Q: What will PPA offer beyond Procurement U?**

A: PPA provides access to a nationwide community, webinars, certification reimbursement, training, [leadership development](#), networking opportunities, and resources to grow your career in procurement valued at over \$16,000.

**Q: Will any courses remain available to non-members after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026?**

A: Yes, a limited selection of self-paced courses that were developed in collaboration with our partner organizations will remain available to non-members, including our latest courses on AI and sustainable procurement. However, this will not include the full course catalog that contains all other self-paced courses, microlearnings, and instructor-led trainings.

**Q: Can non-members still access their learning history after January 1st?**

A: Yes. Non-members can still access their learner transcript and course completion certificates.

**Q: Will Procurement U be launching new courses and resources in 2026?**

A: Yes, Procurement U is currently working on many exciting new offerings. By becoming a member of PPA you will gain access to all new self-paced courses, microlearnings, and instructor-led training.

**Q: Who do I reach out to with questions?**

A: For questions about Procurement U (Courses, Access, Transcript) please reach out to [procurementu@naspo.org](mailto:procurementu@naspo.org)

For questions regarding PPA (Membership, login, volunteer opportunities, etc.) please contact [info@joinppa.org](mailto:info@joinppa.org)