

GAD publishes updated procurement guidance

News story

New and refreshed guidance will help clients understand procurement rules that apply when a government or public sector body wishes to secure our services.



The Government Actuary's Department (GAD) has refreshed its information around procurement rules that apply where a government or other public body wishes to secure GAD's services.

New guidance

The guidance – [Procuring our services](#) – has been drafted in conjunction with the Government Legal Department and published online for the first time.

It reflects changes in the regulations in response to Brexit, guidance published by the Cabinet Office and the updated thresholds effective from this month.

Regulations and exemptions

In our guidance, we look at the legal requirements on public sector procurement. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015, as amended, are the key legislation for most public procurement rules.

Following Brexit, references to EU Directives have been replaced with UK based equivalents. A main change is that high value public contracts now need to be listed on the UK's Find a Tender service.

A key exemption from the regulations applies to Crown Bodies wishing to procure GAD's services (as GAD is itself a Crown Body). However, the organisation may still apply their own procurement rules.

We have also set out further information about other exemptions, thresholds, framework agreements and direct awards.

Making it easier to work with GAD

When organisations discover how actuaries can help, they want to know how to commission our services. As part of the guidance we have provided a visual summary of the decision process.

GAD's Head of Business Development, Ian Rogers, said: "We created this guidance to help current and prospective clients navigate the procurement requirements. This should make it easier for them to work with GAD."

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