

# [News story: Civil news: tender process for 2018 contracts opens](#)

We are opening the tender process for 2018 civil contracts in 3 areas of work:

1. face to face contracts – starts 19 September
2. specialist CLA telephone advice – late September
3. Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme (HPCDS) – starts October

Further announcements will be made shortly with more information about the CLA and HPDCS processes.

## **When will the new contracts begin?**

Services under new face to face and CLA contracts will begin on 1 September 2018. HPCDS contracts will follow on 1 October 2018.

If you wish to work in these areas from these dates then you will need to take part in the tender process.

## **How long will the contracts last?**

Each 2018 Civil Contract will initially run until 31 August 2021, with an option for LAA to extend for up to a further 2 years.

## **Current contract extensions**

Existing contracts to deliver these services are being extended as follows:

- relevant face to face and telephone advice contracts – extended to 31 August 2018
- HPCDS schedules – extended to 30 September 2018

Where can I find out more about the tender process?

Our tender pages provide detailed information, including:

- categories of law covered by the tenders
- tender timetable
- entry requirements
- management of the tenders
- submitting your tender bid

Deadline for tender submissions

All bids must be submitted through the LAA's eTendering system by 5pm on 10 November 2017.

## **Further information**

[Legal aid civil tender 2018](#) – information for potential applicants

[e-Tendering system](#) – for submitting bids and using the message boards for questions about the process

Email [help@bravosolution.co.uk](mailto:help@bravosolution.co.uk) or telephone 0800 0698630 for technical questions about using the eTendering system