

**2018 Standard Civil Contract Verification Update**

10 August 2018

This message is to update all organisations participating in the procurement process for a 2018 Standard Civil Contract who did not complete the verification of their contract requirements by 20 July 2018.

The Legal Aid Agency (LAA) has reviewed correspondence received from organisations that started the verification process before the deadline but did not complete it. The LAA will now formally verify the information submitted with those messages and will communicate the outcome to all organisations from Monday 13 August.

All organisations will then have until **17.00 on 31 August 2018** to complete the verification of their tenders.

Where an organisation passes verification, their contract will be uploaded at the next available opportunity.

Where an organisation does not pass verification, the LAA will work with them to complete verification by the deadline. However, when the organisation completes verification close to the 31 August deadline there is no guarantee that the LAA will be able to upload their contract for 1 September. For the avoidance of doubt, organisations are not permitted to commence work until they have executed their contract.

If verification is not completed by 31 August, the offer of a contract will be withdrawn.

Those organisations that did not commence the verification process by 20 July have already had their offer of a contract withdrawn.