



Procurement Policy Note

2026 Threshold amounts

Action note: 023

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Issue

1. This Procurement Policy Note (PPN) provides advanced notification of the new threshold amounts which govern the procedures for the award of public contracts for goods, works and services as set out in the Procurement Act 2023 (PA23).

Dissemination and scope

2. This PPN applies to all contracting authorities, as defined in section 2 of PA23. This includes all central government departments, their executive agencies, non-departmental public bodies and the wider public sector. Such bodies are referred to in this PPN as 'in-scope organisations'.
3. Please circulate this PPN within your organisation, drawing it to the attention of those with a commercial and procurement role.

Timing

4. The new threshold amounts will come into effect on 1 January 2026. As such, in-scope organisations must apply the provisions of this PPN in respect of any procurements that will commence on or after 1 January 2026.

Action

5. In-scope organisations must apply the revised threshold amounts detailed in Annex A in respect of any procurements that will commence on or after 1 January 2026.

Background

6. The threshold amounts, at which public procurement opportunities are subject to the full PA23 regime governing public contracts, are due to be updated. They are revised every two years to take account of currency fluctuations, and to ensure the UK complies with its obligations under the World Trade Organisation's Agreement on

Government Procurement (GPA).

7. Annex A sets out the revised threshold amounts for public contracts for goods, works and services from 1 January 2026 as per the amendments made to Schedule 1 to PA23 via the Procurement Act 2023 (Threshold Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.
8. The threshold amounts for light touch contracts, regulated below-threshold contracts and defence and security contracts are not subject to the two-year currency fluctuation amendment required to comply with our GPA obligations. However, the threshold amounts for regulated below-threshold contracts and defence and security contracts are nonetheless being amended to ensure consistency and alignment with the GPA.
9. In addition, the threshold amounts in section 85 of PA23, which relate to the applicability of certain procedures to regulated below-threshold works contracts, are also being updated to ensure they also remain aligned with the GPA thresholds.
10. The new threshold amounts do not affect any procurement commenced before 1 January 2026. As per regulation 3 of the Procurement Act 2023 (Threshold Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2025, a procurement is commenced where a tender notice, transparency notice or below-threshold tender notice has been published in respect of that procurement, or the contracting authority has invited the submission of tenders in respect of a regulated below-threshold contract or has otherwise contacted a supplier to commence the award of a below-threshold contract.

Contact

11. Enquiries about this PPN should be directed to the Crown Commercial Service Helpdesk (0345 410 2222, info@crowncommercial.gov.uk).



Annex A - Summary of threshold amounts from 1 January 2026

Type of contract		Threshold amount
1	Defence and security contract that is a works contract	£5,193,000
2	Defence and security contract that is a concession contract	£5,193,000
3	Defence and security contract not within row 1, 2 or 8	£415,440
4	Utilities contract that is a works contract	£5,193,000
5	Utilities contract that is a light touch contract	£884,720
6	Utilities contract not within row 3, 4 or 5	£415,440
7	Light touch contract that is a concession contract	£5,372,609
8	Light touch contract not within row 5 or 7	£663,540
9	Concession contract not within row 2, 6 or 7	£5,193,000
10	Works contract not within row 1, 4 or 9	£5,193,000
11	Contract for the supply of goods, services or works to a central government authority not within any other row	£135,018
12	Contract for the supply of goods, services or works to a sub-central government authority not within any other row	£207,720