

Choice of procedure decision tool

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The [Public Contracts Regulations 2015](#) (“PCR 2015”) apply to all procurements commenced **on or after 26 February 2015**. For procurements commenced before that date, the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 will apply.

This tool is intended to provide an indication of the appropriate selection procedure to use for a procurement based on five general questions. It assumes that the procurement has not yet been commenced and therefore that it will be regulated by the PCR 2015. Decisions made after using this tool should be verified using the criteria in Regulations 26 to 32 of the PCR 2015.

If your procurement is valued at over EUR 750,000 and is for any of the health, social and other services listed in [Schedule 3](#) of the PCR 2015, these will be covered by the so-called “Light Touch” regime set out at Regulation 74 onwards. In particular, although the contract must be advertised in accordance with [Regulation 75](#), there is no requirement to follow one of the procurement processes set out in this tool. Instead, the principles set out at [Regulation 76](#) should be observed in the design of the procurement process.

Please note that the scope of the tool does not cover the use of the Innovation Partnership process set out at [Regulation 31](#) of the PCR 2015. If your requirement is for the *research and development* of an innovative product, service or works that cannot be supplied by the current market, you should also check [Regulation 31](#) to see if this would be the most appropriate route.

The tool also assumes that the procurement is for a contract that exceeds the relevant value thresholds set out at [Regulation 6](#) of the PCR 2015. If this is not the case, you should be aware of [Regulation 111](#) which in general prohibits the use of a selection (PQQ) stage in under-threshold procurements.

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