
Procurement Portal

New thresholds from 1 January 2022

The three sets of procurement regulations detailed below apply where the value of the contract being procured exceeds the applicable threshold (unless the contract is within the scope of one of the exemptions set out in the regulations).

Please note, all of the values listed below are **inclusive of VAT**.

Public Contracts Regulations 2015

	Supplies	Services	Works
Central government authorities	£138,760	£138,760	£5,336,937
Other public sector contracting authorities	£213,477	£213,477	£5,336,937

The threshold value for contracts for health, social and other specific services listed at Schedule 3 to the PCR 2015 (the “Light Touch Regime”) will be **£663,540 inclusive of VAT**.

Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016

Type of contract	
Supply and service contracts	£426,955
Works contracts	£5,336,937

The threshold value for contracts for health, social and other specific services listed at Schedule 2 to the UCR 2016 (the “Light Touch Regime”) will be **£884,720 inclusive of VAT**.

Concession Contracts Regulations 2016

Type of contract	
Concession contracts	£5,336,937

What principles should you apply when assessing the value of your proposed contract?

- The value should be based on a genuine pre-estimate of all payments to be made to the supplier under the contract;
- The value thresholds should be calculated inclusive of VAT (however government guidance states that when the value is stated in the Find a Tender service / Contracts Finder notices and contract award notices, the value should be stated as exclusive of VAT);
- For contracts of known duration: take the value over the life of the contract (including any possible extensions or renewals);
- For contracts of indefinite term: take the value over a period of 48 months;
- For framework agreements: take the value of all potential call-offs over the life of the framework;
- Check whether the rules on aggregation apply (see below) and, if they do, include the value of all other relevant contracts.

The rules on aggregation

The value of contracts must be aggregated if:

- they all relate to a single requirement; or
- they are for goods or services of the same type or which have similar characteristics.

If the rules on aggregation do apply, then the value of all relevant contracts must be aggregated when calculating whether the contract value is above or below the threshold.

Advertising on other portals

Where the value of the contract is over the threshold, you must ensure that the opportunity is advertised on Contracts Finder as well as on the Find a Tender service (see www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk)

Note that if the contract is valued at over a de minimis lower threshold of £10,000 (central government) / £25,000 (sub-central bodies), and you choose to advertise it in some manner (for example, on your website, or in a publication) then you must also ensure that a copy of the advertisement is placed on Contracts Finder.