

Guide

Public procurement: key facts and compliance considerations

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Public procurement is the purchase of goods, works or services by public sector bodies.

Following our departure from the EU, our procurement rules have remained broadly the same, with limited changes made to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR). While change is coming, for the moment this guide sets out the regime as it stands, following Brexit. The PCR establish a particular procurement process for legal frameworks for the award of public contracts, for works, goods or services which fall within the scope of the rules and exceed specified financial values. The intention of the PCR is to ensure that contracts are awarded fairly, transparently and without discrimination, and that all potential bidders are treated equally, i.e., that the principles of public procurement are complied with.

What is covered?	+
Who has to comply?	+
Thresholds	+
Obligations in respect of contracts below the financial thresholds	+
The 'light touch' regime	+
Framework agreements	+
Procedures	+
Time limits in award procedures	+
Enforcement and remedies	+

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