

Procurement Update



Procurement Thresholds – from 1 January 2020

The table below lists updated contract value thresholds, to be applied by Contracting Authorities when considering, from 1 January 2020 onwards, whether they must follow the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015. While these thresholds come from European law, they will remain relevant notwithstanding Brexit and until a change is made to Scottish legislation in this regard.

The thresholds have all increased in Sterling, having decreased or remained static in Euros:

Contracting Authorities	Public Contracts for	New Threshold (net of VAT)
Central government bodies	Supplies or Services	£122,976 (€139,000)
Other contracting authorities (e.g. registered social landlords, councils)	Supplies or Services	£189,330 (€214,000)
All Contracting Authorities	Works	£4,733,252 (€5,350,000)
	“Light regime” services – e.g. social services, legal services	£663,540 (€750,000)
	Small lots / Supplies or Services	£70,778 (€80,000)
	Small lots / Works	£884,720 (€1,000,000)

Scottish Procurement Thresholds

In addition, the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 continues to apply, imposing procurement obligations for contracts with values above the following “Scottish” thresholds:



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Contracting Authorities	Public Contract for	Threshold (net of VAT)
All Contracting Authorities	Supplies or Services	£50,000
	Works	£2,000,000

If you wish advice on procurement, or on any of the exemptions that apply to the requirement to put over-threshold contracts out to tender, please contact BTO.

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