

ADVERTISING OF TENDERS – EU THRESHOLDS 2018-2019

The EU Procurement Rules apply to public authorities (as defined by the UK Public Contracts Regulations).

Details of the thresholds applying from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019 are given below. (Thresholds are exclusive of VAT.)

PUBLIC CONTRACTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2015

	Supplies		Services		Works	
	€	£	€	£	€	£
<i>Central Government</i>	144,000	118,133	144,000	118,133	5,548,000	4,551,413
<i>Other Contracting Authorities</i>	221,000	181,302	221,000	181,302	5,548,000	4,551,413
<i>Small Lots</i>	80,000	65,630	80,000	65,630	1,000,000	820,370

UTILITIES CONTRACTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2016

	Supplies and service contracts		Works	
	€	£	€	£
<i>All sectors</i>	443,000	363,424	5,548,000	4,551,413
<i>Small Lots</i>	80,000	65,630	1,000,000	820,370

EURO THRESHOLDS 2018 – 2019

New Figures	Euro	Sterling
<i>Small Lots provision in Supplies & Services</i>	80,000	65,630
<i>Central Government for Supplies & Services</i>	144,000	118,133
<i>Other Public Sector Contracting Authorities for Supplies & Services</i>	221,000	181,302
<i>Defence & Utilities for Supplies and Services</i>	443,000	363,424
<i>Social & other specific services (Light Touch Regime)</i>	750,000	615,278
<i>Small Lots provision for Works</i>	1,000,000	820,370
<i>Works across all Regulations</i>	5,548,000	4,551,413

MINIMUM TIMESCALES FOR NEW PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2018

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 set out specific procedures which may be used for contracting and the subsequent minimum timescales that may be applied. The table below details these timelines including the additional time reduction benefits that can be applied when using electronic means in the procurement process.

Procedure	Selection stage¹	Tender stage	If electronic ITT accepted²	Tender following PIN³	Tender by arrangement⁴	Urgency⁵
<i>Open</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>35 days</i>	<i>30 days</i>	<i>15 days</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>15 days</i>
<i>Restricted</i>	<i>30 days</i>	<i>30 days</i>	<i>25 days</i>	<i>10 days</i>	<i>Minimum 10 days</i>	<i>15 days / 10 days</i>
<i>Competitive with Negotiation</i>	<i>30 days</i>	<i>30 days</i>	<i>25 days</i>	<i>10 days</i>	<i>Minimum 10 days</i>	<i>15 days / 10 days</i>
<i>Competitive Dialogue</i>	<i>30 days</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Innovation Partnership</i>	<i>30 days</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Notes:

1. Where a Prior Information Notice has been used as a Call for Competition in the Restricted Procedure and the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation, the 30 day timescale commences from when the invitation to confirm interest is sent.
2. Where the Contracting Authority accepts that tenders may be submitted by electronic means, the time limit for receipt of tenders may be reduced by 5 days.
3. Where a Prior Information Notice was sent for publication between 35 days and 12 months before the contract notice was sent.
4. In the Restricted Procedure and Competitive Procedure with Negotiation, the Contracting Authority may set the time limit for receipt of tenders by mutual agreement with all candidates. Evidence of any such agreement must be retained for audit purposes. In the absence of such an agreement, the time limit must be at least 10 days
5. In matters of urgency, duly substantiated by the Contracting Authority (and evidence retained for audit), the time limit for tenders shall be no less than 15 days in the Open Procedure. In the Restricted Procedure and Competitive Procedure with Negotiation, the timescale for the selection stage shall be no less than 15 days and for the tender stage, shall be no less than 10 days.