



Table of changes to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPRs) commencing 17 November 2025

CPRs change	General comment
Foreword	Repeals the previous CPRs.
Procurement framework (2.6)	Footnote clarification to refer to section 6 of these CPRs.
Procurement (2.9.a)	Updated footnote to refer to the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles.
Procurement (2.9.e)	Clarification that procurement does not include the procurement of goods and services used in the production or supply of goods and services for resale.
Procurement (2.9.i)	Clarification that a secondment of employees between and within Commonwealth entities, and from state, territory and local government entities is not a procurement.
Procurement (2.9.j)	Clarification that procurement does not include arrangements between non-corporate Commonwealth entities (NCEs) where no other 'potential' suppliers were approached.
Resource Management Framework Figure 1: Legislation and policy	Addition of Procurement Connected Policies and ICT procurement policies to the Procurement Framework diagram.
How to use the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (3.7)	Clarification that all thresholds and values are inclusive of GST. Minor edits made to other paragraphs to remove references to GST.
Compliance with the two divisions of the CPRs (3.10 and 3.11)	Update of thresholds from \$80,000 to \$125,000 for specified prescribed corporate Commonwealth entities' application of the CPRs.
Using Appendix A exemptions (3.12)	Minor update to capture paragraph 7.27.
Achieving value for money (4.4.a)	Clarification that competition is encouraged amongst potential suppliers to ensure value for money.

Achieving value for money (4.5.c)	Inclusion of ethical conduct as a factor in consideration of value for money.
Coordinated procurement (4.11 and 4.12)	Inclusion of the term 'coordinated arrangements' in clauses and in footnote.
Encouraging competition (5.1 and 5.3)	Update to paragraphs in recognition of Australian business prioritisation.
Consideration of Australian businesses (5.4)	New requirement for NCEs to first consider Australian businesses for procurements below the procurement thresholds.
Consideration of Australian businesses (5.5)	New requirement for NCEs to first consider small and medium enterprises (SMEs) for procurements under \$125,000 from the Management Advisory Services Panel, People Panels, or standing offers managed by the Digital Transformation Agency.
Efficient, effective, economical and ethical procurement (6.6)	Provision moved from Division 2, into Division 1, to better reflect its intent to be applied to all procurements, where relevant. Change in response to recommendation 1 of the Australian National Audit Office performance audit Procurement Complaints Handling (Report No. 19 of 2022-23) (ANAO Procurement Complaints Handling Audit).
Treatment of confidential information (7.23 and 7.24)	Text has been amended for clarity, to separate the submission and contract phases.
Treatment of confidential information (7.25.a)	New text to clarify that submissions and confidential information provided as part of tendering may be shared within the Commonwealth for compliance monitoring and other legitimate, non-commercial purposes.
Standard verification (7.27 and 7.28)	Paragraph 7.27 incorporates provisions regarding standards that were previously included in Division 2. Change in response to recommendation 1 of the ANAO Procurement Complaints Handling Audit. Minor edit has also been made to 7.28, to clarify that, where compliance with a standard was required, this should be checked during the contract period.
Procurement threshold (9.7.a)	Amended text to increase the procurement threshold for NCEs for non-construction procurements.

Procurement from standing offers (9.14)	Clarification that with respect to standing offers with more than one potential supplier, the procuring entity should approach multiple suppliers from the relevant arrangement to make submissions.
Additional Rules (10.1)	Paragraph 10.1 and 10.1.a have been reordered and combined, for ease of reading.
Non-discrimination (10.2)	Clarification that for procurements at or above the relevant procurement threshold potential suppliers to government must not be discriminated against. This provision has moved from Division 1 to Division 2, as it only applies to above threshold procurements.
Request documentation (10.6.e)	New requirement for request documentation to include intention to conduct negotiations, where applicable. Change in response to recommendation 1 of the ANAO Procurement Complaints Handling Audit.
Request documentation (10.8)	Minor clarification that responses to information requests from potential suppliers should ensure that no other suppliers or potential suppliers gain an advantage in a competitive procurement process. Change in response to recommendation 1 of the ANAO Procurement Complaints Handling Audit.
Specifications (10.9 and 10.12)	Minor clarification that an entity must not use specifications with the purpose or effect of creating unnecessary obstacle to trade; and that entities must not provide an advantage for any supplier over other suppliers. Change in response to recommendation 1 of the ANAO Procurement Complaints Handling Audit.
Negotiations (10.18 and 10.19)	New section outlining when and how negotiations with tenderers may be conducted, to provide clarity to entities and suppliers. Change in response to recommendation 1 of the ANAO Procurement Complaints Handling Audit.
Minimum time limits (10.27)	Removal of text, due to duplication with the new negotiations section (10.18 and 10.19).

Handling of submissions and additional information (10.32)	Clarification that procedures to receive, open and handle submissions must be fair and must ensure that submissions and any additional information received is treated in confidence. Change in response to recommendation 1 of the ANAO Procurement Complaints Handling Audit.
Appendix A: Exemptions	
Appendix A: Exemptions	Updated which provisions of Division 1 are exempt when applying an exemption from Appendix A.
Exemption 16	Amendment to align definition of an Indigenous Enterprise with the Indigenous Procurement Policy.
Appendix B: Definitions	
Australian business	New definition.
Indigenous Procurement Policy	Minor amendment to include link to the Indigenous Procurement Policy.
Management Advisory Services Panel	New definition.
New Zealand business	New definition.
People Panel	New definition.
Small and Medium Enterprises	Minor amendment to refine language from 'firm' to 'business' to align with added definitions of Australian, and New Zealand, businesses.
Standing offer	Clarification that the definition of standing offer only includes Commonwealth arrangements.

Consequential renumbering of paragraphs is not included in the table. In addition, some weblinks have been included, or updated, and are not included in the table.