

Which CPRs apply to my procurement – 1 July 2024 or 17 November 2025?

This resource supports officials to identify which version of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPRs) applies to a procurement based on when that procurement was undertaken, relative to the 2025 CPRs announcement (22 October 2025) and effective date (17 November 2025).

Relevant CPRs by Date

The applicable CPRs depend on the date your approach to market $(ATM)^1$ is released.

If the ATM is issued:

- Before 17 November 2025, you must apply the 1 July 2024 CPRs.
- On or after 17 November 2025, you must apply the 17 November 2025 CPRs.

How do I apply the Australian business requirement?

The Australian business requirement applies only to procurements below the relevant thresholds, with ATMs released on or after 17 November 2025.

Additional information regarding the preferencing of Australian and New Zealand businesses in Australian government procurement is available at <u>Consideration of Australian Businesses</u> for procuring entities.

The 2025 CPRs apply to any ATM issued on or after 17 November 2025.

If approaching the market before 17 November 2025:

- The 2025 CPRs changes must not be applied to any ATM released before 17 November.
- For procurements with an estimated value between \$80,000-\$125,000, where not procuring from a standing offer, the procurement must be undertaken as an open tender, unless a relevant exemption applies. Relevant exemptions may include meeting conditions for a limited tender (CPR paragraph 10.3) or an Appendix A: Exemption.
 - Should an open approach to market be undertaken, Division 2 will apply to the procurement, including the requirements regarding minimum time limits.

¹ This includes any notice inviting potential suppliers to participate in a procurement, which may include a request for tender, request for quote, request for expression of interest, request for information or request for proposal.

Reminders

Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP) Mandatory Set Aside (MSA) must be applied for any procurement between \$80,000 and \$200,000.

CPRs Appendix A: Exemptions may be used, including:

- Exemption 15 procurement of goods and services from a business that exists primarily to provide services of persons with a disability
- Exemption 17 procurement of goods and services valued up to \$500,000 from a Small and Medium Enterprise (SME).
- For procurements with an estimated value less than \$80,000, continue with standard practices.
 - This may include approaching suppliers on a relevant panel where appropriate, seeking quotes or directly approaching a supplier.
- Updates to AusTender will require entities to report why relevant contracts were not awarded to an Australian or New Zealand business.
 - If an ATM is issued before 17 November 2025, and the contract is signed after that date, where AusTender requests this information, you will need to use the reason code that best reflects the decision for the procurement. An option will be included which recognises the ATM was issued before the 17 November 2025 CPRs took effect.

Procurements via a standing offer

If approaching suppliers on a standing offer before 17 November 2025:

• Entities should continue to consider the standing offer as per current practice.

If approaching suppliers on a standing offer on or after 17 November 2025:

- Where the procurement spend is expected below \$125,000 and will be undertaken from
 the Management Advisory Services Panel, People Panel, or any standing offer managed
 by the Digital Transformation Agency (DTA), entities must first invite only SMEs on the
 relevant standing offer to submit proposals. Where relevant, IPP requirements must first
 be met.
- Where the procurement is undertaken from another standing offer, entities should continue to consider the standing offer as per current practice.