



## The Government of Canada's Integrity Regime



Public Procurement Principle: **Accountability, Integrity**



Procurement Stage: **Tendering, Post-award**



Audience: **Policy maker, Procuring entity**

### Description

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In 2015, Public Services and Procurement Canada introduced the Integrity Regime to ensure that the government only conducts business with ethical suppliers in Canada and abroad. Run by Public Services and Procurement Canada, the regime applies across government through agreements between Public Services and Procurement Canada and other federal departments and agencies.

The regime applies to (i) goods, services and construction contracts, subcontracts and real property agreements with a transaction value over USD 10 000; and (ii) contracts that are either issued by a federal department or agency listed in schedule I, I.1 or II of the Federal Administration Act or contain provisions of the Ineligibility and Suspension Policy.

Public Services and Procurement Canada determines whether a supplier is ineligible to do business with the government. Some offences lead to an automatic ineligibility, while others lead to a case-by case review. Generally, it applies to procurement and real property transactions over \$10,000.

Public Services and Procurement Canada clearly communicates and provides guidance on the three components of the regime to both public procurement officers and supplier. The three components are as follows:

- Ineligibility and Suspension Policy, which clearly establishes when and how a supplier may be declared ineligible or suspended from doing business with the government;
- Integrity directives, which provide formal instructions to the federal departments and agencies that follow the policy; and

- Integrity provisions, which consist of the clauses that incorporate the policy into solicitations and the resulting contracts and real property agreements.

The debarment regime consists of a number of offences that could render a supplier ineligible to do business with the government. To further support suppliers in understanding what will or may make them ineligible, the department has prepared a Guide to the Ineligibility and Suspension Policy.

Source: OECD (2019), [Public Procurement in Kazakhstan: Reforming for Efficiency](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

