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Find the right lot

G-Cloud 15 is the Government Commercial Agency (GCA) open framework for buying cloud hosting, cloud software and cloud support.

The first iteration runs from **6 August 2026 to 5 February 2028**. GCA plans to reopen the four-year framework after 18 and 36 months.

1a **Infrastructure and platforms**
Cloud compute, storage, networking and platforms (IaaS and PaaS).

1b **Infrastructure and platforms above OFFICIAL**
Cloud infrastructure and platforms for above-OFFICIAL classifications.

2a **Infrastructure software**
Cloud-based software for managing or operating IT infrastructure (I-SaaS).

2b **Software as a service**
Hosted applications, including health and safety management software.

3 **Cloud support**
Services to help set up and maintain cloud software or hosting.

Check eligibility with procurement

Eligible buyers span central government, councils, health, education and other public bodies. Confirm your organisation can use the agreement and check which rules apply in your jurisdiction.

Open the GCA framework and lot links

Choose how to award

Start with a statement of requirements and agree the award route with your procurement team. Both routes are available across the lots, subject to the framework procedure.

Award without competition

For a straightforward, low-value or low-complexity requirement that an existing catalogue service can meet, where competition would add no benefit.

Set the mandatory requirements
Define what a service must meet before you search.

Filter and verify
Save the filters and check the shortlisted services against the same requirements. Complete supplier exclusion checks.

Compare on price
Use a consistent scope, volumes and term. Award to the lowest-priced eligible service that meets your requirements, following the framework pricing rules.

Competitive selection

For more complex, higher-value or tailored requirements, or when competitive bids can help you identify the most advantageous tender.

Select the process
Choose the two-stage or multi-stage process under Framework Schedule 7.

Set out the assessment
Publish the criteria, weightings and scoring method in the tender pack. Invite eligible suppliers in line with the chosen process.

Evaluate consistently
Apply the published criteria, document the decision and award to the most advantageous tender.

Make any demo evidence comparable

Where demos form part of a competition, state how they will be assessed. Use the same scenarios, evidence requests and scoring rules for each supplier.

Find Framework Schedule 7 and the route guidance

Complete the call-off

A call-off is the contract between your organisation and the chosen supplier. Keep the evidence for the award and document what the supplier will deliver.

01

Agree the requirement and budget

Confirm users, sites, outcomes, service scope, contract term and approvals. Involve the service owner, procurement, IT security, data protection and accessibility teams as appropriate.

02

Keep the sourcing record

Use the Digital Marketplace to identify services and follow GCA's Contract Award Service guidance. Retain searches, filters, listing documents, clarifications, checks, pricing comparisons and the award rationale.

03

Complete the contract documents

Use the framework order form and applicable schedules. Record scope, prices, implementation, support, data processing, renewal options and exit arrangements.

04

Check notices and sign

Where the Procurement Act 2023 requires it, publish a contract award notice before signing and a contract details notice after entry. Framework call-offs are exempt from mandatory standstill under the Act. Check whether a voluntary period or local rules apply.

05

Confirm delivery and exit

Agree the onboarding plan, acceptance tests and service reviews. Define data export formats, timelines, costs and deletion arrangements before go-live.

GCA Contract Award Service guidance

Cabinet Office framework and notice guidance

Specify health and safety software

Use this example to brief a Lot 2b purchase. Adjust the requirements and evidence to fit your organisation.

01

Frontline workflows

Ask suppliers to show how a worker reports a near miss, how a manager assigns an action, and how an auditor checks that it was closed.

02

Security and access

Define data hosting and residency needs, single sign-on, role-based access, audit logs, and recovery targets. Ask for evidence of the controls you require.

03

Accessibility and integration

Specify accessibility evidence and test key mobile and desktop tasks. For any API, name the systems, data fields and read or write operations you need.

04

Implementation and cost

Use the same user counts, sites and contract period. Include required modules, migration, training, support, integrations and exit costs in the price comparison.

05

Reporting and exit

Ask for sample dashboards and exports. Specify how records and attachments must be handed over, with export formats and retention or deletion timescales.

Example acceptance test

A site user logs a near miss on mobile. A manager assigns and closes the action. The system records each change, and the buyer can export the record with its attachments.

Buyer resources

Use the current GCA buyer guide, award route guidance and contract documents when planning and running your purchase.

G-Cloud 15 agreement and documents

Check eligibility and lot scope. Download the buyer guide, route guidance, Framework Schedule 7 and the order form.

Contract Award Service

Find GCA's guidance on using CAS for procurement activities and keeping an audit trail.

Cabinet Office guidance on frameworks

Check the Procurement Act 2023 framework rules and call-off notice requirements.

Contract award notices and standstill

Check which notice and standstill rules apply before entering a contract.

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Explore Compliance Genie

Cloud-based software for incident reporting, risk assessments, audits and corrective actions. For service scope and pricing, check the current catalogue entry in the buying platform.

View Be-Safe's G-Cloud 15 supplier profile

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