

Project Initiation and Business Cases Handbook

Chapter 10

Project Bank Accounts

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Overview

1.1. Project Bank Accounts (PBAs) are ring-fenced accounts from which payments are made directly and simultaneously by a public sector client to members of a construction contract supply chain. Scottish Government bodies must include a PBA in tender documents for public works contracts commencing procurement procedures from 19 March 2019 whose estimated value is at least:

- £2,000,000 for building projects
- £5,000,000 for civil engineering projects

Guidance

2.1. Detailed technical guidance through which public bodies can implement and operate a PBA in a construction contract is published [here](#). The guidance also enables bodies outside Scottish Government which deliver public contracts to do the same. [Construction Policy Note 1/2019](#) also provides further information and direction on project bank accounts.