

# GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## *Procurement Act 2020*

### Supporting local manufacturing

**Purpose<sup>1</sup>:**

The General Procurement Direction 2024/01: Western Australian Procurement Rules (the Rules) prescribes minimum competitive requirements for procurements based on monetary value thresholds.

Under this General Procurement Direction, a State agency's Authorised Officer may approve an exemption from the minimum competitive requirements in Rule C4.1 to support manufacturing in Western Australia.

### General Procurement Direction: 2025/01

**Scope of Operation and Timing:**

This procurement direction is issued under section 21 of the *Procurement Act 2020* (WA) by the Deputy Director General, Advisory Services, as delegate for the Minister for Finance.

This procurement direction is issued to all State agencies and applies on and from 13 January 2025.



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Deputy Director General  
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as delegate of the Minister for Finance

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Date

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<sup>1</sup> Purpose: the contextual information under this heading does not form part of the direction.

## Procurement of Western Australian manufactured products: exemption from Rule C4.1

1. An Authorised Officer in a State agency may approve an exemption from the minimum competitive requirements prescribed in Rule C4.1 of the Rules in order for that State agency to undertake a Procurement of Western Australian manufactured product(s) with a Total Estimated Value of up to \$5 million (including all extension options and GST).
2. Before approving an exemption under paragraph (1), a State agency must obtain written advice from the Department of Finance (Finance), if Finance is involved in the Procurement under Rule C1 of the Rules.
3. A decision made under paragraph (1) and the justification for that decision must be recorded in writing.
4. An exemption approved under this procurement direction must be recorded in a State agency's exemption register and on Tenders WA.
5. All other applicable Rules and processes that correspond with the value of the Procurement must still be followed.
6. For the purposes of this procurement direction:
  - a. a product can be described as 'manufactured in Western Australia' if it underwent its last substantial transformation in Western Australia; and
  - b. a product has been substantially transformed in Western Australia if, as a result of a process(es) undertaken in Western Australia, the end product is fundamentally different in identity, nature or essential character from all of its imported components<sup>2</sup>.
7. Capitalised terms used in this procurement direction have the same meanings as those given in the Rules and the *Procurement Act 2020* (WA).

## Further Assistance

For further enquiries regarding this procurement direction please contact the Department of Finance at [procurementadvice@finance.wa.gov.au](mailto:procurementadvice@finance.wa.gov.au).

**END OF DIRECTION**

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<sup>2</sup> Refer *Competition and Consumer Law Act 2010* (Cth) Schedule 2 'Australian Consumer Law' s255(2)