

# Changes to GGS templates and terms and conditions to support the introduction of the Ethical Supplier Mandate

## What's Changed?

From 1 February 2024, the [Ethical Supplier Mandate](#) (the Mandate) applies to the General Goods and Service (GGS) procurement category.

To support the implementation of the Mandate, the following GGS documents have been updated:

- **Definitions and Interpretations**  
In addition to the Mandate, the Ethical Supplier Threshold definition was also updated.
- **Conditions** – which include:
  - Basic Contract Conditions
  - General Contract Conditions
  - Comprehensive Contract Conditions
  - SOA Conditions.

In addition to the Mandate, the following changes were also made to these documents:

- inclusion of references to the QPP and Supplier Code of Conduct, where appropriate
- updated references to Queensland Government Arrangements Directory and specified Supplier information may also be published, as required
- updated version and publication date to version 3.2 – published February 2024.
- **Part C: Supplier Response Schedule templates**
  - One-off Invitation to Offer
  - SOA Invitation to Offer.

In addition, some minor typographical errors have also been rectified.

## Existing GGS Contracts

No action is required for existing GGS Contracts.

However, before extending or renewing a GGS Contract, agency buyers are responsible for:

- reviewing the [Procurement Compliance Portal](#) to ensure the Supplier has not received a sanction under the Mandate.  
Where a Supplier has been sanctioned under the Mandate, agency buyers should review and seek advice from their Procurement and Legal team, as well as the QGP Compliance Team.
- including clauses that address the Supplier's obligations under the Ethical Supplier Threshold (the Threshold) and the Mandate (refer to the GGS Terms and Conditions version 3.2 – published February 2024). Agency buyers should seek advice from their Procurement and Legal team.

## New GGS Arrangements/Panel/Contracts

Agency buyers should use version 3.2 – published February 2024 of the [GGS terms and conditions](#) for all new GGS Arrangements/Panels/Contracts.

This ensures:

- the SOA/Panel/Contract addresses the Supplier's obligations under the Threshold and the Mandate
- Agencies comply with clause 17 of the [Queensland Procurement Policy 2023](#) (QPP).

## Current Tender Processes

Agencies are responsible for incorporating changes into their tender processes to ensure Suppliers' obligations under the Threshold and the Mandate are met.

This includes:

- ensuring Suppliers' compliance with the Threshold and Mandate is a mandatory requirement of the tender
- ensuring Suppliers respond to the Threshold questions, refer to Part C: Supplier Response Schedule template
- ensuring any Contract as a result of the tender process, includes the relevant Threshold and Mandate clauses
- prior to awarding, checking the [Procurement Compliance Portal](#), to ensure the potential Supplier/s have not been sanctioned under the Mandate.

Where a Supplier has been sanctioned, agency buyers should seek advice from their Procurement and Legal team, as well as the QGP Compliance Team.

## Further information

Please refer to the:

- [Ethical Supplier Mandate](#)
- [Compliance procurement guidance](#) webpage, which provides a range of information and the Buyers and Supplier Factsheets.

Alternatively, contact the QGP Compliance Team via 1300 105 030 or [ethicalsupply@epw.qld.gov.au](mailto:ethicalsupply@epw.qld.gov.au).