

# **GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

## ***Procurement Act 2020***

### **Centralised Purchasing of Essential Products**

#### **Purpose<sup>1</sup>**

a) To provide State agencies with direction regarding procurement of essential products (rapid antigen tests and certain personal protective equipment) during the State's response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

b) To revoke General Procurement Direction 2022/01 State of Emergency – Western Australian Procurement Rules and centralised purchasing of essential products.

#### **General Procurement Direction: 2022/03**

#### **Scope of Operation and Timing**

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

This procurement direction is issued to all State agencies and applies on and from 15 September 2022.



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Lara Connor  
Deputy Director General  
Department of Finance  
As delegate of the Minister for Finance

15 September 2022  
Date

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

**Revocation of General Procurement Direction 2022/01**

General Procurement Direction 2022/01 'State of Emergency – Western Australian Procurement Rules and centralised purchasing of essential products' is revoked and replaced by issue of this General Procurement Direction 2022/03 'Centralised Purchasing of Essential Products'.

**Direction in relation to essential products**

1. It is imperative that essential products be available to meet the needs of critical clients across the State.
2. At this time, essential products are deemed to be products relating to personal protective equipment and rapid antigen tests and are listed in detail at Attachment A. The meaning of essential products may be extended to other products as and when required.
3. The Department of Health will coordinate the purchase of all available essential products. State agencies must procure essential products through the Department of Health in accordance with the procedure outlined at (4) below.

**How to acquire essential products**

4. State agencies requiring supply of essential products must follow the process outlined at:  
[https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A\\_E/Coronavirus/Advice-on-how-to-access-Personal-Protective-Equipment](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/Advice-on-how-to-access-Personal-Protective-Equipment).
5. State agencies are advised to procure essential products only as and when required.

**Further information**

6. In accordance with the above directions, Common Use Arrangement suppliers responsible for provision of the essential products have been contacted and instructed not to fill any new or existing orders without approval from the Department of Finance.

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

**END OF DIRECTION**

## Attachment A – Essential Products

For the purposes of this General Procurement Direction, noting this list is subject to change, essential products are:

- Rapid Antigen Tests
- Face shields
- Gloves examination
- Gowns isolation
- Hand sanitiser
- Mask surgical level 2
- Safety glasses
- Specimen collection swabs
- Wipes disinfecting
- Masks
  - N95/PFR
  - Industree Trident P2
  - Softmed respirator with headband
  - Care Essentials respirator with headband
  - 3MTM Aura 1870+
  - Other masks

For the most recent information refer to

[https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A\\_E/Coronavirus/Advice-on-how-to-access-Personal-Protective-Equipment](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/Advice-on-how-to-access-Personal-Protective-Equipment)