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Directive on Selection of CIDA grades in Tendering for Construction Contracts and Waiving off experience requirement for smaller grades

CIDA Grading System

Pursuant to Recommendation No 3.20 of the Committee appointed by the Cabinet Decision CP/24/1605/618 /076 dated 21.08.2024 and its subsequent implementation through Cabinet Decision No CP/26/0641/827/027 dated 28.04.2026 together with the recommendation of the National Procurement Commission (NPC) communicated under reference NPC/PP/01/CL 208/2025 dated 12.05.2026, all employers are hereby requested to comply with the following directive on the selection of CIDA-registered Construction Contractors in accordance with NPC Guideline 5.6.1.

Estimated value of work to be performed under the Contract (X) (excluding VAT and other taxes) - Rs. Million	CIDA Grade / s
4.0 ≥ X	C ₉ , C ₈ and C ₇
10.0 ≥ X > 4.0	C ₈ , C ₇ and C ₆
20.0 ≥ X > 10.0	C ₇ , C ₆ and C ₅
50.0 ≥ X > 20.0	C ₆ , C ₅ and C ₄
100.0 ≥ X > 50.0	C ₅ , C ₄ and C ₃
300.0 ≥ X > 100.0	C ₄ and above
600.0 ≥ X > 300.0	C ₃ and above
1200.0 ≥ X > 600.0	C ₂ and above
3000.0 ≥ X > 1200.0	C ₁ and above
6000.0 ≥ X > 3000.0	CS ₁ and above
X > 6000.0	CS ₂

Work Experience Requirements in the Selection and Award of Contracts for Lower CIDA Grades (C7, C8, C9, EM4, EM5, SP4, and SP5)

In instances where contractors registered under the above grades are unable to submit work experience credentials required for securing contracts. Employers shall apply the provisions available in the Standard Bidding Documents (SBDs) to increase the performance Bond requirement up to a maximum of ten percent (10%) of the contract value, as appropriate. This measure has been approved in consultation with the National Procurement Commission and communicated to CIDA through NPC Letter No. NPC/PP/01/CL/208/2025 dated 12.05.2026.

Accordingly, when calling for tenders within the relevant contract value ranges, Employers shall incorporate and apply the following options.

1. For contractors who submit acceptable work experience credentials:
The Performance Bond shall remain at five percent (5%) of the contract value.
2. For contractors who do not submit work experience credentials:
The Performance Bond shall be increased to up to ten percent (10%) of the contract value

The foregoing directive is effective from the 15th of June 2026, until further notice.

**Chairman,
Construction Industry Development Authority**