



GOV/CIDA/DIRECTIVE/104/2026

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 under Cabinet Decision No. 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 Procurement Guideline 5.6.1.

Estimated value of work to be performed under the Contract (X) (excluding VAT and other taxes) LKR Million	CIDA Grade/s
4.0 ≥ X	C9 ,C8 and C7
10.0 ≥ X > 4.0	C8 ,C7 and C6
20.0 ≥ X > 10.0	C7 ,C6 and C5
50.0 ≥ X > 20.0	C6 ,C5 and C4
100.0 ≥ X > 50.0	C5 ,C4 and C3
300.0 ≥ X > 100.0	C4 and above
600.0 ≥ X > 300.0	C3 and above
1200.0 ≥ X > 600.0	C2 and above
3000.0 ≥ X > 1200.0	C1 and above
6000.0 ≥ X > 3000.0	CS1 and above
X > 6000.0	CS2

○ Work Experience Requirements in the Selection and Award of Contracts for Lower CIDA Grades (C7, C8, C9, EM1, EM2, 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:

01. For contractors who submit acceptable work experience credentials:
The Performance Bond shall remain at five percent (5%) of the contract value.
02. 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, untill further notice.

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CORRECTION NOTICE

This is to inform you that a correction has been made for the advertisement published in the Daily News Newspaper page No. 28 on 10.06.2026 (Wednesday) on the above CIDA Directive - Gov/CIDA/Directive/104/2026.

The 2nd para of the above advertisement quoted “*Work Experience Requirement in the Selection and Award of Contracts for Lower CIDA Grades (C7, C8, C9, EM1, EM2, SP4 and SP5)*” shall be replaced with the following.

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

**Chairman,
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