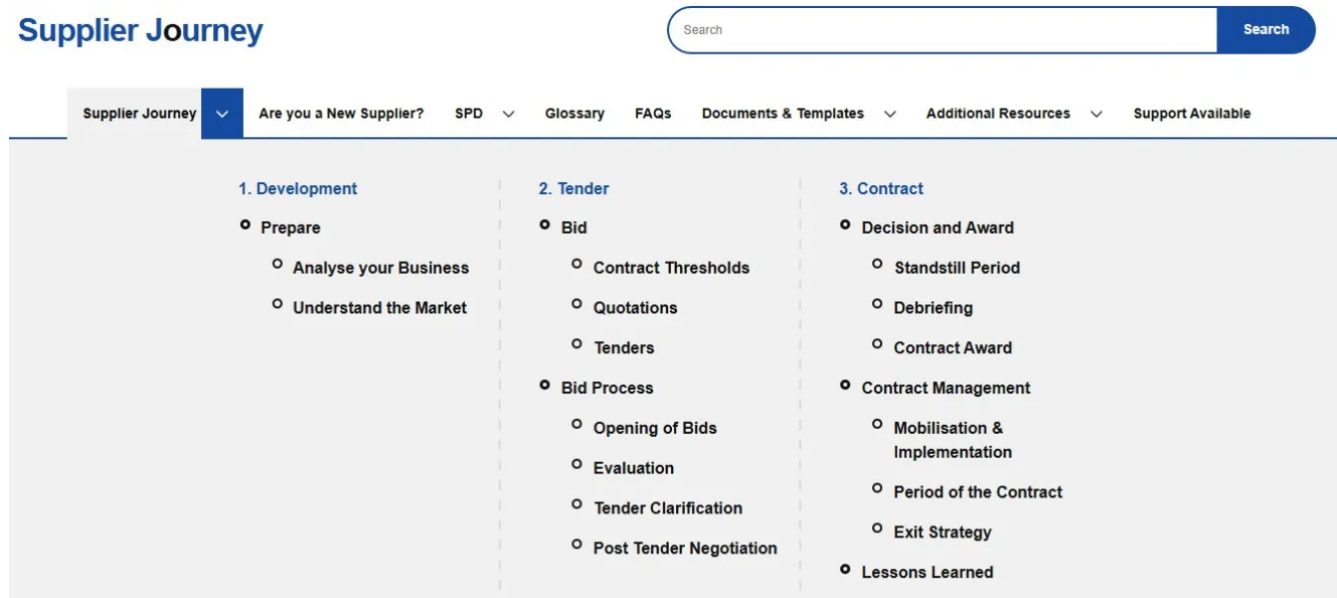


How Do I Use the Supplier Journey?

This Supplier Journey is laid out in an interactive “journey” fashion i.e. information is listed in a series of chronological stations (or pages) - from preparing a bid right through to lessons learned at the end of a contract:



This means you can choose to read and/or find specific information in a number of ways. You can work through the Supplier Journey:

- station by station from start to finish, or
- by clicking on a specific station name, or
- use the search function

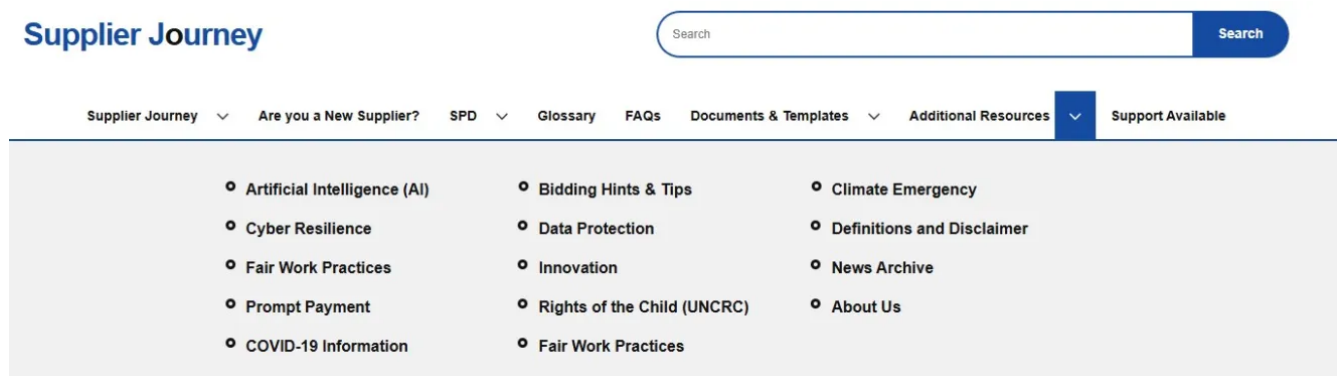
At any time, if you want to return to the homepage you can do this by clicking on the Supplier Journey logo in the top left hand corner of each page:

Supplier Journey

Supplier Journey ▾ Are you a New Supplier?

At the top of every Supplier Journey page there is a main navigation panel. This allows you to access specific Supplier Journey stations directly as well as other information.

For example, general and new information can be found by clicking a link under “Additional Resources”:



When you click on "Start the Supplier Journey" on the homepage, you will be taken to "Prepare" which is the first station of your journey:

Welcome to the Supplier Journey!

The Supplier Journey provides guidance on how to bid for public sector contracts.

Please read [Definitions and Disclaimers](#) before you start.

For more information please refer to:

- [How to Use the Supplier Journey](#)
- [How to Register for Automatic Alerts](#)

For buyer guidance, please access the [Procurement Journey](#).

[Start the Supplier Journey](#)

When already in a station or a substation you can move onto the next page by clicking the Continue Journey button, or go to the previous page in the Supplier Journey by clicking on Go Back. Please see below:

◦ Post Tender Negotiation 3. Contract ◦ Decision and Award ◦ Contract Management ◦ Lessons Learned	confirming the deadline date and time by which you need to respond. During the clarification process, procurement officers will respect bid confidentiality and will avoid unfairness to potential suppliers. Negotiations in relation to price or other areas where improvements may be possible should not take place, and an audit trail is maintained by the procurement officer to ensure that the process remains fair and transparent.
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You can also access previous pages you have looked at by clicking on a link within the breadcrumbs which are located at the top of the page:

You can print the content of any station or substation by clicking the "view pdf" icon on any page (located near the page title). A copy of the page will be downloaded which you can then print.

1. Development

• [Prepare](#)

2. Tender

Contract Thresholds

 [View PDF](#)

The rules a public sector buyer must follow vary depending on the type and value of the contract advertised.

At the top of every Supplier Journey page is a search box. Here you can type keywords to search for specific topics. The top of each page also includes and several links:

- "Contact Us" allows you to send an email/query directly to the Supplier Journey team
- "Provide Site Feedback" means you can comment on the site
- Subscribing to "Notify Me of Changes" means you will receive automatic emails telling you when any changes have been made to the Supplier Journey
- the "gov.scot" link takes you to the Scottish Government gov.scot website

Some stations and substations contain linked text. If you click on the link it will take you to either an external website or to another station within the Supplier Journey:

Supplier Development Programme (SDP)

The [Supplier Development Programme](#) (SDP) provides free tender training and support, including answering environmental questions demonstrating your approach to contribute to net zero. Check out a dedicated course from the Supplier Development Programme, [Responding to Tender Policy Requirements](#), which will help you to understand the various policy elements related to net zero targets in public sector procurement.

Zero Waste Scotland

Zero Waste Scotland offers [free sustainability support](#) to businesses under the themes of resource efficiency and circular economy

Climate Literacy eLearning

You may wish to use the [Sustainable Procurement Tools](#), including the [Climate Literacy eLearning](#). This is free online training intended to give buyers confidence to minimise risks and maximise opportunities associated with

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