

Rated Criteria now required for most international procurements in World Bank operations.

Effective September 1, 2023, the World Bank requires the use of Rated Criteria as the default approach for most international procurementsⁱ. Using Rated Criteria more widely will increase Borrowers' flexibility to procure works, goods, and non-consulting services best suited to their specific situation and provide a more fit-for-purpose approach. Rated Criteria will also increase willingness of the best suppliers to bid and participate in Bank-financed projects—with the knowledge that their added value will be part of the evaluation, thereby increasing options, global competition, and likelihood for effective market solutions.

To align with this new mandate and to support implementation the Bank has published:

- [Updated Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing \(September 2023\)](#)
- Updated Standard Procurement Documents (July 2023)
- [Guidance on Evaluating Bids and Proposals using Rated Criteria \(April 2023\)](#)
- [An introductory E-Learning Module on Rated Criteria](#) ([click here](#) for detailed external login instructions)

For further information and supporting collateral please visit the Bank's dedicated [Rated Criteria Webpage](#)

ⁱ New International Procurements advertised on or after September 1, 2023 using a Bank Standard Procurement Document must use Rated Criteria. However, application of Rated Criteria will not be mandatory for:

- Pharmaceuticals
- Vaccines
- Off the shelf goods and educational materials
- Commodities
- Other exception cleared by the CPO on a fit-for-purpose basis

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