

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

BILL FOR THE

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND TENDERS (AMENDMENT)

ACT NO. OF 2025

Explanatory Note

This Bill amends the Government Contracts and Tenders Act [CAP 245] (“the Act”).

The Bill increases the value of government contracts that are required to go through the tender process from VT10,000,000 to VT 30,000,000.

The purpose of this change is as follows:

- (a) to set up financial management and purchasing arrangements to assist Government during emergency situations, and for longer term recovery efforts; and
- (b) to ensure that the Council of Ministers is only involved in commissioning and signing off on procurements of high value; and
- (c) to make the procurement process efficient and more in line with policies for social and economic development.

Minister of Finance and Economic Management



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An Act to amend the Government Contracts and Tenders Act [CAP 245].

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

1 Amendment

The Government Contracts and Tenders Act [CAP 245].is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on 31 August 2025.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND TENDERS ACT [CAP 245].

1 Subsections 3(2), 3(4), 3(5), 3B(1) and 3B(3)

Delete “VT10,000,000”, substitute “VT30,000,000”

2 Paragraphs 3(6)(e), 11A(1)(a) and 11A(1)(aa)

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**3 Paragraphs 11A(1)(aa),(ab) and (ac) (Amendment to French
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