

**Directive No 33**  
**(Issued pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Procurement Act 2006)**

**Suppliers to provide Tax Clearance Certificate from the Mauritius Revenue Authority for public contract values of Rs 5 million and above**

1. One of the measures in the Budget 2016/2017 is the requirement for a contractor/supplier to provide a Tax Clearance Certificate from the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) before being allocated a contract of a value of Rs 5 million and above.
2. A public body shall, prior to award, request the lowest substantially responsive bidder to submit a Tax Clearance Certificate from the MRA within a period of one week, confirming that the bidder has filed his tax returns and paid tax due.
3. In case the successful bidder does not submit the Tax Clearance Certificate, the public body may consider the next lowest substantially responsive bidder to equally comply with paragraph 2 above.
4. This Directive takes effect immediately, Tuesday 1 November 2016.

**Procurement Policy Office**  
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