A pressing emergency is defined in accordance with the Treasury Board (TB) notice [CPN 2007-4 - Non-Competitive Contracting](https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/services/policy-notice/2007-4.html) and includes:

a. an actual or imminent life-threatening situation

b. disaster that endangers quality of life or safety of Canadians

c. disaster that results in the loss of life

d. disaster that results in significant loss or damage to Crown property

Client Departments Emergency Contracting Authority

The "[Directive on the Management of Procurement](https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32692) allows departments to enter into and amend a contract/contractual arrangement up to a total value of **$3 million** (Canadian Dollars, including all applicable taxes, fees and amendments) in response to a pressing emergency." *Refer to Appendix A: Contracting Approvals A.3 Emergency Contracting Limits* And: [SM 3.22.10 - Emergency Requirements (departments)](https://canadabuys.canada.ca/en/how-procurement-works/policies-and-guidelines/supply-manual/chapter-3#_3-22-10)

Emergency Contracting Procedures

PSPC’s Acquisitions Branch emergency contracting authority for client departments can be used **only** if all of the following criteria are met as per the [Directive on the Management of Procurement](https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32692).

A.3.1.1. Entering into or amending a contract or contractual arrangement in response to a pressing emergency where a delay in approval would be injurious to the public interest and when the expected value is up to $3 million, including applicable taxes and fees, provided that:

* the requirement cannot be satisfied by normal contracting procedures due to the urgency of the situation;
* the urgency provision of each applicable trade agreement has been invoked, or an exemption to applicable trade agreements applies;
* the Minister (or their delegated authority) approves the use of these special authorities;
* the most senior contracting authority available enters into the contract or contractual arrangement; and
* any limitation of liability or indemnification of the contractor is approved by the chief financial officer or the most senior designated official available;

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) Emergency Contracting Authority

In accordance with the Treasury Board (TB) [Directive on the Management of Procurement](https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32692) PSPC may enter into a non-competitive emergency contract/contractual arrangement on behalf of any department, up to a total value of **$25 million** (Canadian Dollars, including all applicable taxes, fees and amendments).

All departments must provide a report to Treasury Board within 60 calendar days: [Reporting Requirements for emergency contract](https://www.tbs-sct.canada.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32692)

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