



## Coronavirus (COVID-19): CPN 2 duration extended - CPN 6/2020

### Purpose

1. This Construction Policy Note (CPN) advises that guidance in CPN 2/2020 remains applicable after 30 June and will expire after 30 September unless circumstances at that time require otherwise.

### Key message

2. An electronic signature may be used in place of a “wet” signature for signing trust documents in project bank accounts (PBAs) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Timing and coverage

3. This note is intended for all those contracting authority staff involved in the planning and delivery of public works projects. It is applicable guidance under the [Scottish Public Finance Manual](#) (SPFM). This CPN is part of a suite of procurement guidance related to COVID-19, which includes the following:
  - CPN [1/2020](#); [2/2020](#); [3/2020](#); [4/2020](#) and [5/2020](#).
  - SPPN [4/2020](#); [5/2020](#); [6/2020](#); [7/2020](#); and [8/2020](#).

### Background

4. On 14 April 2020 CPN 2/2020 set out processes and standards for expediting logistics necessary to execute a trust deed in good time to open a PBA; and to add subcontractors to new PBAs and to those already open.

### Rationale

5. The [route map](#) through and out of the COVID-19 crisis issued on 21 May, to which the six phase [restart model](#) developed by Construction Scotland on behalf of the industry was aligned. Phase two (soft re-start) commenced from 11 June. In order to expedite PBA practice during initial this initial period of re-mobilisation, CPN 2 will remain applicable guidance until 30 September, after which it will expire unless circumstances at that time require otherwise.

### Dissemination

6. Please bring this CPN to the attention of all those staff involved in the procurement of relevant construction projects.

### **Contact**

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