# PUBLIC CONTRACTS REGULATORY AGENCY

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*Concerning the payment of allowances and other remuneration due to members of the Tenders Boards, the Bid Evaluation Sub-Committees, and the Categorisation Commission for Enterprises in the building and public works sector.*

**The Public Contracts Regulatory Agency** has taken note of an "open letter" dated **31 July 2026**, published on social media and attributed to a so-called **"collective of expert consultants to ARMP."** which took the Agency to task over the payment of allowances, session fees, and other remuneration owed to certain members of the Tenders Boards, the Bid Evaluation Sub-Committees, and the Categorisation Commission for enterprises in the building and public works sector.

The Agency wishes to state from the outset that it is in no way a party to the chain of accountability arising from the use/engagement of this category of actors.

It is well established that budgetary provision for, and financing of, the operating expenses of the Commissions fall to the Project Owner and Delegated Project Owner (Articles 21 and 22 of the Public Contracts Code). The remuneration of the Chairpersons, members, secretaries, and experts mobilised within these bodies is paid to them through the performance-based payment mechanism established by **Order No. 0271/A/MINMAP/CAB of 27/09/2018 to institute and organise the modalities of Performance-based remuneration and payment (PBF) of actors in the Public Contracts System.**

With regard to the Categorisation Commission for enterprises in the building and public works (BPW) sector, it should be noted that this Commission remains attached to the Authority in charge of Public Contracts and likewise operates on the principle that the financing of its activities—particularly the allowances payable to its members and experts—is drawn from the budget of that ministerial department.

Furthermore, it should be noted that the Chairpersons of both the Tenders Boards and the Categorisation Commission act as delegated authorising officers for the budgets voted to finance these bodies.

As for the treasury operations relating to the disbursement and collection of the allowances due, the Agency recalls that these fall within the competence and responsibility of public accountants and remain governed by the relevant provisions of financial regulations concerning public expenditure (cf. CIREX).

Public Accountants and beneficiaries therefore remain the sole parties involved at this stage of the chain of responsibility: the former ensuring the conformity and regularity of the allowance claimed, and the latter safeguarding the integrity of their entitlements, in particular by reporting any deduction perceived as undue, should the case arise.

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In sum, the Agency calls on the community of actors concerned to bear in mind that, in this matter, its role is limited to approving, through a call for applications, experts of proven qualifications, and to making the resulting roster available to the Chairpersons of Tenders Boards and Commissions.

Nevertheless, in its capacity as regulator, the Agency wishes to assure actors that the difficulties identified are among its ongoing concerns and are the subject of regular alerts to the competent authorities, in particular the Authority in charge of Public Contracts, which is, moreover, already strongly engaged on this issue.

*Done in Yaoundé, on* 13 AOUT 2026

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