



Crown
Commercial
Service

Helping you save time and money on
procurement, so you can focus on
achieving educational outcomes

free to use

great value
deals

bulk buying
power

significant
savings

dedicated
customer
support

Schools and Academies





Who we are

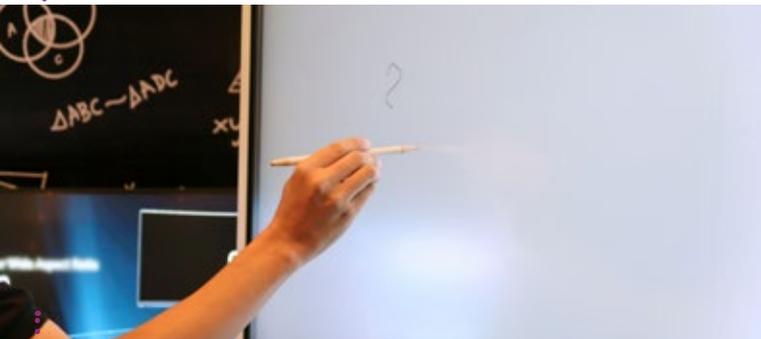
We're the UK's biggest public procurement organisation. We help our customers find the right commercial solutions for over £12 billion of spend each year.

We know that tight control over budgets and resources is a key priority. You can use our commercial solutions free of charge, and we'll help you achieve best value by leveraging our commercial expertise and national buying power.

We work closely with the Department for Education (DfE). Whether you're a school business leader, head of IT, head teacher or facilities manager we can help you achieve your procurement goals through our commercial deals. Why not join the growing number of CCS customers making great savings for their organisations every year?



Here are some of our deals that schools and academies are benefiting from:



Technology products



Our DfE recommended catalogue of products such as tablets, laptops, smartphones, accessories and software offers prices up to 30% cheaper than comparable items on Amazon. We also run regular bulk buying opportunities for technology hardware (and for mobile voice and data services).

Supply teachers



Recommended by DfE, this deal will help you recruit temporary staff from supply teachers and classroom assistants, to admin support, cleaners and head teachers. Transparency on agency mark-ups means you will know exactly what you are paying and there are no temp-to-perm fees after 12 working weeks (subject to 4 weeks notice).





Office supplies

Our DfE recommended catalogue offers ‘smart basket’ technology, which ensures the lowest cost for you, factoring in everything from stock availability to delivery, giving you the best price for hundreds of the most popular branded and own-label products.



Office machines

Our DfE recommended catalogue offers easy ordering of entry level printer/copiers and software with savings of up to 47% compared to the prices customers have previously paid.



Utilities

With our DfE recommended energy deals you can save in excess of 10% on your utility bills. We consistently secure the best prices for gas and electricity, even in volatile markets, as we buy directly from the wholesale market.



ICT Services for Education

This DfE recommended deal will help you buy full-scale ICT services, hardware, infrastructure, support and maintenance from suppliers who specialise in education settings.



Construction

A DfE recommended solution for project management, design and advisory services to support your construction projects, alongside a comprehensive range of building materials and services, such as plumbing and heating, electrical, timber and joinery, and flooring.



Estates professional services

Property and estate related services to help you reduce costs and identify savings and income opportunities.



Fleet

Buy, lease and hire cars, minibuses and coaches including electric, alternatively fuelled and ultra low emission vehicles. An online portal gives you quotes with a full breakdown of costs, and you can also choose a local dealer for delivery and after sales service.



Facilities management

Save time and money on everything from cleaning and catering to security and waste management.



How to buy

There are a number of different ways to buy through our commercial deals.

Framework agreements

A framework is an overarching agreement negotiated with suppliers by CCS on your behalf. They are free to use and you will benefit from competitive prices, compliance, standard terms and conditions and supplier vetting. Each framework will tell you what buying options are available to you, as they do vary depending on what you are looking to buy.

Further competition

Running a further competition means framework suppliers bid for your business. This helps you to get a competitive price based on your specific needs. The process typically takes 6-8 weeks, although this will depend on the complexity of your requirement.

Our free eSourcing tool can help you run your further competition online, or you can use your own sourcing tool, if you have one.

Take a look at our quick 7 step guide to running a further competition / You'll find a short 7 step guide to running a further competition on the how to buy page of our website.



Online catalogues

Online catalogues are ideal for low volume purchases of items such as office supplies and technology products. You will pay the price published in the catalogue.

We also offer guided match functionality to help you find the right printer/copier solution for your organisation.



Direct order

If there is only one supplier on a framework, you can place a direct order (known as direct award). This may also be possible even if a framework has several suppliers. If the framework you wish to use offers a direct award option, you can use this if:

- You know what you want to buy
- You can see which supplier provides the lowest price
- You do not need to make amendments to the standard terms and conditions



Bulk buying

Bringing together customers with similar needs means we can help you achieve great value. It also makes the tender process simpler, as we run it on your behalf. We offer 2 different 'aggregation' options - online eAuctions and national further competitions.



We're here to help

To learn more about how we can help you make savings, including the latest bulk buying opportunities, please visit:  www.ccs heretohelp.uk

You can sign up for our regular newsletter to stay up to date with all the latest news and events, and ask any questions you have, by filling out our online enquiry form.

Alternatively, you can contact our customer service team directly:



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