

Updates to existing pricing guidance – March 2026

Number	Guidance type	Section/paragraph	Change	Reason for change
1	Allowable Costs	1.23	Re-worded the sentence	To make the sentence clearer by changing the order of the reference
2	Allowable Costs	A.3.1	Added a clarification sentence	To address confusion about the treatment of redundancy costs, additional wording has been added to confirm that these costs may be allowable if they meet the AAR test.
3	Alternative Pricing	3.2	Added the word sub-contractor to the text.	The previous guidance covered only GWS supplied by the primary contractor. As the commercial pricing method applies to both QSCs and QDCs, it was updated to include GWS supplied by sub-contractors.
4	Alternative Pricing	3.11 a	Added a clarification sentence	Added text clarifying the use of competed input rates (i.e. labour) using this method.
5	Alternative Pricing	3.17	Added a clarification sentence	Expanded text to provide further clarification on the use of input rates.
6	Alternative Pricing	5.1	Added a clarification sentence	Expanded text to provide further clarification that this method does not apply to QSCs.
7	Alternative Pricing	5.7	Added a question (Question 1) and an answer in a box below paragraph 5.7	The text in the Question 1 and answer box was added to ensure it is clear that the previously agreed pricing method cannot be applied to QSCs.
8	Alternative Pricing	7.4	Introduced a new paragraph with new text	Clarified that the GWS-provided rates from the framework must be used when applying the CRUV method, and may not be substituted with other "input rates" (i.e. labour)
9	Baseline Profit Rate	3.6	Updated the BPR number	Updated number for the new BPR.

10	Baseline Profit Rate	6.4	Updated the CSRs numbers	Updated numbers for the new CSRs
11	Baseline Profit Rate	7.2	Updated examples 1 and 2 numbers	Updated numbers for the new CSRs and the calculations resulting from this
12	Baseline Profit Rate	Appendix B.2.5	Updated the CSRs numbers	Updated numbers for the new CSRs
13	Baseline Profit Rate	Appendix B Table	Updated numbers	Updated numbers for the new CSRs and the calculations resulting from this
14	Final Price Adjustment	Page 2	Introduced a new page with new text and table	Introduced a new page with new text and table for 'versions of this guidance
15	Final Price Adjustment	4.12	Updated the text to include the £50m QSCs threshold	The previous guidance did not reference the £50 million QSCs threshold. Stakeholder feedback indicated that including this information would be useful.
16	Final Price Adjustment	Appendix A	Introduced a new Appendix with a table containing logs of changes from previous version	Added a new appendix to record changes from the previous version
17	All pricing guidance	Key terms and definitions	Added specific guidance related key terms and corresponding definitions	To align definitions across all pricing guidance
18	All pricing guidance	Where relevant in the documents	Updated guidance versions numbers, dates and hyperlinks	Updating new guidance with most recent information.
19	All pricing guidance	Where relevant in the documents	Other minor grammar, punctuation and typographical changes	Updated throughout for typographical errors or other minor wording changes, grammar and punctuation throughout