

Trade Agreements - CFTA | CETA | OQTCA

The Canadian Free Trade Agreement | CFTA

The Canada Free Trade Agreement has been in force since July 1, 2017. The objective of this agreement is to reduce and eliminate, to the extent possible, barriers to the free movement of persons, goods, services, and investments within Canada and to establish an open, efficient, and stable domestic market.

Goods and Services valued between \$100,000 and \$366,200 and Construction valued between \$100,000 (BPS) and \$9.1M must be posted publicly per chart below. Although CFTA lists the current minimum threshold as \$107,700, McMaster is also subject to the Broader Public Sector (BPS) Procurement Directive which requires posting for a minimum threshold of \$100,000.

Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement | CETA

The Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) was entered into force on September 21, 2017. It was designed to create jobs, strengthen economic relations and boost Canada's trade with the world's second-largest market. CETA is a progressive free trade agreement which covers virtually all sectors and aspects of Canada-EU trade in order to eliminate or reduce barriers.

Goods and Services with a total value of \$366,200 or greater and Construction with a total value of \$9.1M or greater must be posted publicly for a minimum of 40 days, which can be reduced under the following conditions:

Notice of procurement: 5-day reduction / RFx solicitation document available to suppliers electronically:
5-day reduction

	Min. Thresholds for Public Posting			Min. Posting Period (days)		
	BPS Directive	CFTA	CETA	BPS Directive	CFTA	CETA
Goods	\$100,000	\$105,700	\$366,200	15 days (Standard)		40 days (Less conditions above)
Services	\$100,000	\$105,700	\$366,200			
Construction	\$100,000	\$264,200	\$9.1M	30 days (complex)		
Limited Tender (Sole / Single, ACAN)	Per above thresholds			Within 72 days after award		

The Ontario – Quebec Trade and Cooperative Agreement | OQTCA

This is a bi-lateral trade agreement between Ontario and Quebec and aligns with the CFTA. The open competitive bid thresholds under the OQTCA for goods, services and construction are the same as those stipulated by the Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive and the University Procurement Policy including construction. This threshold is set at \$100,000.