

No.	Date of Query Issue	Subject	Query	Response
1	21/07/2025	Missing Response Field?	Following on from my previous question, having reviewed the specification document for the DPS, I noticed that one of the award criteria listed is "Understanding of the Requirements." However, upon reviewing the response document/template, there does not appear to be a designated response box or section provided for this criterion, unlike the other listed sections. Could you kindly confirm whether a response to this criterion is still required, and if so, advise where it should be included within the submission?	This refers to mini-competitions- not applications to join the DPS. Please complete only the Application Response Document at this Stage.
2	17/07/2025	Clarification Request	We note the following: The P2W SKILLNET will require DPS Members who are capable of providing the full scope of requirements for each Lot specified below: Can you please confirm whether 'capable of providing the full scope of requirements for each Lot' means that DPS Members must be able to deliver all courses listed within a Lot, or if it is sufficient to deliver the full scope of requirements for only the specific courses being tendered for within that Lot?"	For the DPS, and providing you can deliver at least one course, you will be able to bid for that when it comes up. You also have the option of collaborating with others or developing the capability to bid across the lot.

3	17/07/2025	Tender Submission for Multiple Lots	Apologies for the late query – we understand that the clarification period has now closed, but we were hoping you might still be able to advise. We are intending to tender for three lots and wanted to clarify whether we are required to submit a separate response for each lot, or if a single submission covering all relevant lots is acceptable. Thank you in advance for your understanding, and we appreciate any guidance you can provide.	Clarifications will remain open for new Applicants on a DPS until its expiration. As the Case Studies are distinct for each lot it is more efficient to submit separate applications with relevant references for each respective lot you apply for.
4	17/07/2025	Clarification Request	We note the following: Application Deadline Subject to paragraph 6.8.1 of this RFATP, Applications must be received not later than 30th July 2025 at 14:00 (the “Application Deadline”). Please note that this deadline is an administrative date to establish the DPS. Applicants are reminded that applications will continue to be accepted in line with Clause 1.2, once the DPS has been established. Can it be further clarified if submitting after the 5th impact the application in any way?	You can submit an Application at any stage after the 30th of July.

5	15/07/2025	Technical and Professional Ability	1. In relation to the following text included in Section 4.2.2: " Applicants must provide details of three (3) reference contracts relating to the provision of equivalence examination services delivered in the last four (4) years prior" Can you clarify what is meant by "the provision of equivalence examination services" please? 2. Not all of the training requirements outlined will require bespoke training solutions and therefore not all courses may lend themselves to a 'project contract' structure or approach. In fact some courses could be and are provided regularly and sourced via our public schedule website where delegates from multiple clients attend the same public course. This is very useful where clients do not have sufficient demand/numbers to request a private course. Is a public scheduled course acceptable as a 'contract reference' or how should one respond in this case?	1. See new Tender Document. It is the provision of Training Services. This may or may not include examinations. 2. Yes.
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6	15/07/2025	Categories and items assigned to each	1. We note that in order to submit a category response, we must include a response to every item in that category. It appears that the list of items in each category all have elements of Leadership /Executive / People Management / Personal Development included and it seems that they would have been very well placed together as a separate category in their own right. If the respondee has a strong capability in this space but not for example in, Master Recruitment and Talent Management Software, ITIL Version 4, or Digital Marketing, does that then preclude them from submitting a response for the category in question? 2.We're just wondering what the rationale might be for items being included in 1 category rather than another if the categories items are all mandatory and it appears items in 1 category might sit well in another category ,if that makes sense! 3. If a respondee is successful in getting through this round and through to mini tender stage, will the mini tender invites be issued via email directly for all items in all categories as the demand arises or will it be through e-tenders?	1&3. Tenderers can bid for any item within a Category. It is not mandatory to be able to deliver all items within a DPS Category. 2. Mini-Competitions are managed through eTenders, all tenderers admitted to the Category in question will be invited.
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7	10/07/2025	Queries regarding DPS for the provision of Training Services to Positive2Work Skillnet 2025-2027	We have the following questions regarding the above. 1. Is this DPS for a term of 2 years from 2025-2027 as per the title page of the RFATP document or for the term of 5 years as stated on page 5 of the document? 2. Is a separate tender submission document required for each lot applied for, and if so, do we need 3 discreet reference contracts per lot? 3. ARD Document Page 23 - PQQ-3.1. Provide your Approach to Feedback and Updated Course Content Maximum 1/2 Page - Is this a maximum of one or two pages, one to two pages or a half of a page? Not clear to us as on P20 you use the term 'Maximum Half Page Limit'	1. The DPS is for up to five years, subject to funding. Skillnet's are funded through 3 Year Cycles. The initial period is for 2025, 2026 and 2027- 3 years. 2. See answer above. 3. Its half a page.
8	08-Jul	Appendix 3: Declaration as to Personal Circumstances of Applicant	In relation to Appendix 3 do we have this witnessed by Solicitor/Commissioner to get on DPS or can we sign it and confirm if awarded contract we can submit a signed copy?	No, sign and submit.

11	02-Jul	Query re lots	In order to apply for a lot, is it required that a tenderers can offer all of the courses in that lot?	See above.
12	02-Jul	DPS Requirement	Can you confirm if this is in relation to the below tender please? Positive 2 Work Skillnet - Request for Tenders for the supply of Training services 2025-2027 5685177 Or is this a different tender request?	Training DPS can be accessed here: