



# Understanding CPV Codes



**Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) is a set of classifications for classifying, Products, Works and Services. The code set first came into existence in the year 1993. The whole objective was to make public procurement more transparent, efficient and uniform for all languages.**

The structure is a hierarchical one with nine-digit code, the last being a check digit. The first two digits come in a block, so as to accommodate 99 divisions, and the next six digits each represent one level of classification, so there cannot be more than 9 groups at a given level of classification. Zeros are placed at the end of codes, except for the first two digits, and they indicate the level of accuracy of the code (the more zeros it has, the more general it is).

There are **9,454 CPV codes** in total which can seem very daunting - However, did you know that the 1st 2 digits denote the division. Therefore you can put just these 2 digits into the CPV area on the data platform and this will help you find what you are searching for right away.

The screenshot shows the CLARITY STACK Data search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: CONTRACTS, PROSPECTS, SIGNALS, SALES ACADEMY, LISTS, and SEARCHES. The main heading is "Search our Contracts database". Below this, there are search filters: Sector (Start typing for suggestions...), Locations (UK, US), Published (21 Apr 2021 → 21 Apr 2022), Keywords, and Value (£0). A dropdown menu for CPV Code 03 shows suggestions: 03000000 - Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products; 03100000 - Agricultural and horticultural products; 03110000 - Crops, products of market gardening and horticulture; 03200000 - Cereals, potatoes, vegetables, fruits and nuts; 03210000 - Cereals and potatoes. Below the filters, there are tabs for FUTURE, CURRENT, and AWARDED, and a page indicator "Page 1 of 1000+ results". Two contract results are shown: "703439450. SWESS Light Night Sight" with a "VIEW CONTRACT" button and a PDF icon, and "STC1161 - AACS Software, Ongoing Support, Maintenance and Hardware". To the right of each contract, there is a "Days to close" indicator and a "Closing date" (02 May 2022). Other details include "Sector: Telescopic sights" and "Budget: £20,000,000.00".

Take a look at our handy list below to help you find the sectors you need.

### List of the CPV codes

03	Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products
09	Petroleum products, fuel, electricity and other sources of energy
14	Mining, basic metals and related products
15	Food, beverages, tobacco and related products
16	Agricultural machinery
18	Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
19	Leather and textile fabrics, plastic and rubber materials
22	Printed matter and related products
24	Chemical products
30	Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages
31	Electrical machinery, apparatus, equipment and consumables; Lighting
32	Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
33	Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products
34	Transport equipment and auxiliary products to transportation
35	Security, fire-fighting, police and defence equipment
37	Musical instruments, sport goods, games, toys, handicraft, art materials and accessories
38	Laboratory, optical and precision equipment (excl. glasses)
39	Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products
41	Collected and purified water
42	Industrial machinery
43	Machinery for mining, quarrying, construction equipment
44	Construction structures and materials; auxiliary products to construction (except electric apparatus)
45	Construction work
48	Software package and information systems
50	Repair and maintenance services
51	Installation services (except software)
55	Hotel, restaurant and retail trade services
60	Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

<b>63</b>	Supporting and auxiliary transport services; travel agencies services
<b>64</b>	Postal and telecommunications services
<b>65</b>	Public utilities
<b>66</b>	Financial and insurance services
<b>70</b>	Real estate services
<b>71</b>	Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
<b>72</b>	IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
<b>73</b>	Research and development services and related consultancy services
<b>75</b>	Administration, defense and social security services
<b>76</b>	Services related to the oil and gas industry
<b>77</b>	Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
<b>79</b>	Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
<b>80</b>	Education and training services
<b>85</b>	Health and social work services
<b>90</b>	Sewage-, refuse-, cleaning-, and environmental services
<b>92</b>	Recreational, cultural and sporting services
<b>98</b>	Other community, social and personal services



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