

Bid Management Best Practice: CVP Codes Explained

CPV Codes (Common Procurement Vocabulary) consists of a standardised system to help procurement teams classify their contract notices consistently and make it easier for suppliers and contracting authorities to find notices.

These 9-digit codes mean that standard terminology and numbers are used across Europe, making it easier to find relevant tender opportunities. Each section of numbers represents specific type of information, explained on the right. The more numbers from 1 to 9 a CPV code has, the more specific the item is; and the more zeros it has, the more general it is.

3300000-0 – Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

3310000-1 – Medical equipments

3311000-4 – Imaging equipment for medical, dental and veterinary use

3312000-7 – Recording systems and exploration devices

3314000-3 – Medical consumables

3316000-9 – Operating techniques

3316100-6 – Electrosurgical unit

3316700-8 – Surgical lights

3316900-3 – Surgical instruments

33169100-3 – Surgical laser

- The first two digits identify the divisions (XX000000-Y)
- The first three digits identify the groups (XXX00000-Y)
- The first four digits identify the classes (XXXX0000-Y)
- The first five digits identify the categories (XXXXX000-Y)
- The next three digits establishes further (00000XXX-Y) precision within the relevant category
- The ninth and final digit verifies (00000000-Y); the previous digits.

