

Public Sector Mapping Agreement (PSMA) for England and Wales

As of 1st April 2011, the new Public Sector Mapping Agreement for England and Wales came into being. The PSMA is centrally funded through Communities and Local Government (CLG), who have entered into an agreement with Ordnance Survey to provide geographic information. This means that public sector bodies will not have to pay separate fees to use Ordnance Survey data provided through the PSMA.

The PSMA will enable geographic information, including high specification OS MasterMap® products, free at the point of use for all public sector bodies. It is expected that the agreement will deliver significant efficiency savings and improvements in public service delivery, as well as more effective joint working between public sector bodies.

The agreement has been set for 10 years and opens up Ordnance Survey data to many more bodies who did not previously have ready access to this data or whose licence differed to other bodies. By the end of the first week of April over 600 public bodies had signed up to the new agreement. The most popular dataset ordered has been the new OS VectorMap® Local followed by the 1:25,000 scale raster mapping.

Of course, we should point out that not all Ordnance Survey products are covered by the PSMA – OS Land-Form PROFILE®, OS Land-Form PROFILE® Plus and Points of Interest. As Ordnance Survey Licensed Partners, CDR Group are in an ideal position to supply these additional products – just get in touch for a quotation.