

**FACTORS INFLUENCING THE ADOPTION OF PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS  
IN EXAMINATION BODIES IN KENYA.  
(A CASE OF KENYA ACCOUNTANTS AND SECRETARIES NATIONAL  
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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to assess the factors that influence the adoption of procurement system in examination bodies in Kenya with reference to Kenya Accountants and Secretaries Examination Board (KASNEB). The study's specific objectives were: to establish how competency of procurement staff affect the adoption of procurement systems in KASNEB; to assess the effect of costs on the adoption of procurement systems at KASNEB; and to determine the effect of procurement procedure on the adoption of procurement systems at KASNEB.

The target population for this study was made up of then 40 staff based at the Finance and Procurement Department of KASNEB. The researcher relied on two types of data for this research. The first is primary data which was gathered using questionnaires and the second was secondary data which will be gathered through a review of past studies and information available on text books and journals. Data analysis was done using qualitative and quantitative techniques using SPSS version 21 and Microsoft Excel Data Analysis Features. The results of the analyses have been presented in form of textual explanatory notes and pie charts and bar graphs.

Majority of respondents (69%) strongly agreed competence of procurement staff affect adoption of procurement systems. Majority of respondents (42%) strongly agreed that cost affect adoption of procurement systems. Majority of respondents (53%) and 44% of respondents strongly agreed and agreed respectively that procurement procedures affect adoption of procurement systems.

It is recommended that public institutions need to comply with the Act by using the procurement procedures that the PPDA prescribes, even after adopting new procurement systems. Public entities must take into consideration the costs involved, they need to ensure that irrespective of the cost, they must get value for money and that the new procurement systems make the procurement function effective, efficient and faster. In preparation for the adoption of new procurement systems, public organization must train their procurement staff on how to use the system.