

# New Director General announced for Customer Strategy and Tax Design

News story

Jonathan Athow will replace Ruth Stanier from October 2021.



HM Revenue and Customs Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary Jim Harra announces today that Jonathan Athow has been appointed as the new Director General for the Customer Strategy and Tax Design Group. This follows the departure of Ruth Stanier from the role as she undertakes a 12-month career break.

Jonathan is currently Deputy National Statistician and Director General for Economic Statistics at the Office for National Statistics and will join HMRC from the beginning of October.

Jim Harra, Chief Executive and First Permanent Secretary said:

I'm pleased that Jonathan Athow will be stepping into this critical leadership role working to build a trusted, modern tax administration system – one that brings in revenue for public services, makes it easy to get it right, is valued and trusted.

Jonathan Athow, Director General for Customer Strategy and Tax Design, said:

I am delighted to be returning to HMRC. It is a department that has done so much to support the country during the pandemic and will be hugely important as the economy recovers in providing the taxation to fund our public services and supporting businesses and people across the UK.

I am excited to be joining HMRC and Customer Strategy and Tax Design at this important time.

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