

# New UK support to Somalia's Security Transition

World news story

The new funding builds on longstanding UK support to the Somali Security Forces



## UK Government

The UK Government has reinforced its support to the Somali Security Forces (SSF) through an additional contribution of £2.3 million to the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS) Trust Fund.

The new funding was announced during a meeting between the newly re-appointed Minister of Defence H.E Abdulkadir Mohamed Nur and UK Ambassador to Somalia, Kate Foster. The new contribution to the UNSOS Trust Fund will enable the provision of critical, non-lethal logistical support, including food, medical evacuation and other supplies.

British Ambassador to Somalia, Kate Foster said:

The UK's £2.3 million contribution to the UNSOS Trust Fund will be crucial in maintaining SSF capabilities to over 10,000 Somali troops in the fight against Al-Shabaab

The new funding builds on longstanding UK support to the Somali Security Forces and the UNSOS Trust Fund. In 2021/2022, the UK provided £4.9 million of funding to the UNSOS Trust Fund, which supplied Somali soldiers and police officers with a year's worth of support.

UK contributions to the UNSOS Trust Fund are in addition to UK military support to the SNA. Since 2016, the UK has trained over 2000 SNA soldiers. The training focuses on a range of areas, including defensive operations, basic command and control and the law of armed conflict, leadership, live firing, combat first aid, human rights and gender training to help enhance their efforts in fighting Al-Shabaab.

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## [Hundreds of thousands of students set to receive exam results](#)

Hundreds of thousands of students will collect exam results today (18 August) after sitting exams for the first time since 2019.

Marking a significant milestone in returning to normality post pandemic, today's results day includes students who sat A and AS levels, level 3 vocational and technical qualifications, and for the first time ever – T Levels – paving the way for pupils' next steps to university, further training or the world of work.

As part of a transition period put in place by Ofqual to return to pre-pandemic grading, students will receive higher grades this year than in 2019. This recognises the disruption that students have faced over their exam years due to the pandemic. Students were given an unprecedented level of support to mitigate the impact of covid, including a range of adaptations to exams and assessments. Those adaptations included advance information on exam content for the vast majority of A levels, and longer assessment windows for vocational and technical qualifications.

Today's grades will be lower than 2021 when exams didn't take place as schools remained closed to most pupils until March, and covid cases and isolation rates remained high in schools. Students' grades were determined by their teachers after being assessed internally.

UCAS expect that the majority of students will gain a place at their firm choice university today. As with every year, there will be competition for places at selective institutions, but record numbers of students, including high numbers of disadvantaged students, are still expected to start university in September.

Around 1,000 students will receive T Level results for the first time – the exciting new technical qualification to help young people progress onto skilled employment, university or apprenticeships.

T Levels combine study with a substantial industry placement so that students gain the skills and valuable workplace experience they need to progress into a job, further study or an apprenticeship. From this September there will be 16 T Levels available in a range of in demand subjects including digital, construction, health, science, accounting and engineering, with over 175 schools and further education providers across England offering them. More courses will be rolled out in 2023 and 2024 including legal, media and agriculture, with plans to introduce a T Level for marketing in 2025 also in train.

Education Secretary, James Cleverly said:

Every single student collecting their results today should be proud of their achievements. Not only have they studied throughout the pandemic, but they are the first group in three years to sit exams. For that, I want to congratulate them and say a huge thank you to those who helped them get to this point.

Today is also a really exciting time for our pioneering T Level students, as the first ever group to take this qualification will pick up their results. I have no doubt they will be the first of many and embark on successful careers.

Despite the nerves that people will feel, I want to reassure anyone collecting their results that whatever your grades, there has never been a better range of opportunities available. Whether going on to one of our world-leading universities, a high-quality apprenticeship, or the world of work, students have exciting options as they prepare to take their next steps.

Universities, as well as UCAS, have excellent support systems in place for young people to guide them through the application process and will be on hand throughout this time, just as they have been in every other year. Universities will be flexible in their decision-making and ensure offers made are reflective of the grades students receive.

There are a huge range of exciting options available to young people including opportunities to earn while you learn via an apprenticeship, taking a higher technical qualification, attending university or landing your first job. Students can explore their options through our [Get The Jump](#) website or through Clearing.

For students taking exams in the future, the department is driving forward a stream of recovery activity by investing almost £5 billion to help children and young people recover from the impact of the pandemic, including £1.5 billion for a national tutoring revolution in schools and colleges.

Over two million courses have now started through the National Tutoring Programme, including 1.8 million so far this academic year across an estimated 80% of schools – helping children to catch up with learning loss.

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## **£7.6 million to help 2,000 adults with autism into work**

The Local Supported Employment (LSE) initiative is providing grant funding to 24 local authorities in England and Wales, representing an investment of £7.6 million over the next three years.

Each local authority area will support between 60 and 140 adults with learning disabilities, autism or both to move into competitive employment and provide the help they need to maintain that employment.

An average of 91 participants in each local authority are set to benefit from the grant funding and support, which will include assigning job coaches who can carry out vocation profiling, engage employers and provide in-work support to help develop more careers.

This follows the government hitting its target to see one million more disabled people in work by 2027 five years early, as ministers consider a new target to help bring down the disability employment gap further in the forthcoming Health & Disability White Paper, due in the autumn.

Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work Chloe Smith MP said:

Disabled people deserve the same opportunities to start, stay and succeed in employment as everyone else.

We know that those with autism and learning disabilities can face particular barriers to employment, which is why we're spending £7.6m through the Local Supported Employment initiative.

We hope to break down those barriers and use local networks to help more disabled people reach their full potential.

A total of 22 local authorities in England and two in Wales will benefit from the funding worth £7.6m over the Spending Review period.

The DWP along with nine local authorities ran an LSE proof of concept pilot

in November 2017 for 18 months. Following a consultation process with those involved, the DWP has incorporated feedback and lessons learned into the design of the latest initiative.

Evidence from other supported employment programmes suggests that at least 30% of participants should start some form of work following involvement in the initiative.

The longer-term ambition is to provide further evidence to local authorities of the value of supported employment to help drive further investment and secure effective employment for more people with learning disabilities, autism or both.

The government made a public commitment to delivering LSE in the [Adult Social Care Reform White Paper](#))

and the [Work, Health and Disability Green Paper \(England\)](#) to ensure that everyone should get the support they need whatever their disability or health condition.

## **Additional information**

### Local Supported Employment (LSE)

- DWP is providing grant funding for 24 County Councils and Unitary Authorities (including Metropolitan Councils and London Boroughs) in England and Wales, to take part in the LSE Initiative.
- These are:
  - Cheshire East Council
  - Gloucestershire County Council
  - Barking and Dagenham
  - Lincolnshire County Council
  - Surrey County Council
  - City of Cardiff Council
  - The Council of the City of Wakefield
  - Oxfordshire County Council
  - Norfolk County Council (NCC)
  - Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council
  - Leicester Council
  - Cheshire West and Chester Council
  - Tower Hamlets
  - Salford Council
  - Lancashire County Council
  - Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
  - Durham County Council (DCC)
  - Southampton Council
  - Hertfordshire County Council (HCC)
  - Pembrokeshire County Council
  - Bradford Metropolitan District Council
  - Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
  - Barnsley MBC
  - Kent County Council

- Supported Employment has been successfully used for decades as a model for supporting people with significant disabilities to secure and retain paid employment. Supported Employment does not adhere to a work readiness model, rather a Place, Train and Maintain approach is implemented.

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## [DfE major projects: appointment letters for Senior Responsible Owners](#)

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### 1. 17 August 2022

The Lifelong Loan Entitlement (LLE) programme, Teacher Development Reform (TDR) programme and Initial Teacher Training Reform (ITT Reform) project SRO appointment letters were added.

### 2. 14 June 2022

Added new SRO appointment letter – School Rebuilding Programme.

### 3. 28 March 2022

Added 'Schools commercial: SRO appointment letter'.

### 4. 6 December 2021

Added 'Early Career Framework and National Professional Qualification programmes: SRO appointment letter'.

### 5. 20 November 2020

Updated 'Apprenticeships: SRO appointment letter'.

### 6. 4 November 2020

Added 'Student Loans Company, Evolve programme: SRO appointment letter'.

### 7. 23 October 2020

Replaced 'T Levels: SRO appointment letter' with an updated version.

8. 30 June 2020

Added 'Social Work England (SWE): SRO appointment letter'.

9. 16 January 2020

Added Priority School Building Programme 2: SRO appointment letter

10. 6 August 2019

Added apprenticeship reform programme Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) appointment letter.

11. 9 May 2019

SRO appointment letter for T Levels added. Removed SRO appointment letter for the priority school building programme phase 1 as this has now finished. Removed SRO appointment letter for the priority school building programme phase 2 for updating due to change in SRO.

12. 27 May 2015

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## [New appointments to the UK Supreme Court and JCPC](#)

Press release

The Queen has approved the following appointments.



The Queen has approved the re-appointment of Lord Lloyd-Jones and the appointment of Sir David Richards as Justices of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.

Sir David Richards is appointed as a Justice to fill the vacancy created by Lady Arden's retirement.

Her Majesty The Queen made the appointments on the advice of the Prime Minister and Lord Chancellor, following the recommendations of an independent selection commission.

Welcoming the appointments, President of the Supreme Court Lord Reed said:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the announcement of these appointments to the Supreme Court.

We look forward to welcoming Lord Lloyd-Jones back to his position as a Justice. Following his retirement in January 2022, having reached the then mandatory retirement age of 70 shortly before it was increased by Parliament to 75, he has continued to hear cases as a member of the Court's Supplementary Panel. He will continue to make an enormously valuable contribution to the Court on a wide range of cases, and especially in dealing with appeals in the field of international law and criminal law.

We are also delighted that Sir David Richards will be joining us as a Justice of the Court. His outstanding legal ability and breadth of experience, notably in company law and corporate insolvency, will maintain the Court's expertise in these areas following Lady Arden's retirement, and will be invaluable in maintaining the high quality of our judgments and our reputation as an international centre of legal excellence.

Both appointees will make a significant contribution to the work of the Court and the development of the law, drawing on their extensive experience gained throughout their distinguished judicial careers.

## **Notes to editors:**

A detailed description of the appointments process for Justices is available on the Supreme Court website via the following link:

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