

Civil news: 2018 civil contract extensions to include immigration

News story

We have decided to include immigration in the planned extensions of all 2018 Standard Civil Contracts until 31 August 2023.



Providers working across all categories are to be notified of our intention to extend the 2018 Standard Civil Contract until 31 August 2023.

Why is this important now?

We want you to understand that the 2018 Standard Civil contract will be uniformly extended in all categories to 31 August 2023. This is a change to the previous announcement made in March 2022.

What does this mean for immigration?

It has been agreed that all immigration contracts will also now be extended until 31 August 2023. We will no longer be extending immigration contracts for a shorter period.

The Ministry of Justice is currently running a consultation on immigration fees, which closes on 8 August 2022.

Once this has concluded we will consult representative bodies on changes to the immigration contract because of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022. We will then develop a tender allowing new providers to bid for immigration contracts.

What happens next?

We will be writing to all current civil contract providers to confirm our intentions and formally issue extension offers.

2018 Standard Civil Contract

The Standard Civil Contract 2018 is the contract between the LAA and providers for the provision of face-to-face civil legal aid in England and Wales.

The standard terms underpin the commercial relationship between the LAA and providers.

Further information

[Standard Civil Contract 2018](#) – 2018 civil contract documents are available on GOV.UK

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[Project management expertise in demand at Dstl](#)

Great project managers are wanted to help Dstl deliver its wide-ranging programme of specialist science and technology work to the Ministry of Defence and wider government.

Offering [exceptional benefits and strong career development](#) prospects to its employees, Dstl is [the science inside the UK's defence and security](#) and an executive agency of the Ministry of Defence, helping to protect our nation.

Project managers are critical to delivering Dstl's expert research, specialist advice and invaluable operational support across a fascinating variety of areas, from cyber and artificial intelligence to weapons and explosives.

In return, Dstl offers a great career pathway, continual professional development through training and education routes, and membership of professional bodies.

The increased demand for project management skills reflects the requirements identified in the [2021 Integrated Review](#) and the projects and programmes included in [MOD's Science and Technology Portfolio](#) for 2022 and beyond.

Carl, project manager in Exploration Division, says:

I'm currently working on a project with a wide range of investigation from DNA to neuromorphic and quantum computing.

In addition to the projects that I help to deliver, Dstl offers a great career pathway that can take you from Project Support Officer, all the way to senior project management roles.

Continual professional development is actively promoted via a wealth of training and education routes and membership of professional bodies.

Helen, senior principal project manager, says:

I deliver exciting science and technology (S&T) across defence and wider government. We do incredible work and it's great to be part of it. No two days are the same and every day is a learning day.

Highlights of working at Dstl are the people, our values, diversity and inclusion and of course flexible working. The sky is the limit if you are driven to succeed and the variety of work across Dstl is second to none.

You don't need a science and technology background, just great project management skills.

[Civil/crime news: privacy notice changes on legal aid forms](#)



Which forms are affected?

Changes are being made on 13 July 2022 to privacy notices on all legal aid forms across both criminal and civil legal aid.

Why do we have privacy notices?

Privacy notices set out certain standards which clients can expect from the

Legal Aid Agency (LAA) regarding their personal data.

Among the areas covered are:

- our requests for personal data and the way it is managed
- how to obtain a copy of the personal data we hold
- what to do if your client thinks standards are not being met

How has the privacy notice been changed?

Amendments to the privacy notices have been made to reflect the way LAA systems and processes work when handling and storing data.

The changes include references to:

- information transfers which may take place to support staff for our call centre software located in USA, Romania, Philippines, Singapore or Australia
- sharing information with public authorities such as HMRC and DWP and with debt collection partners such as Marston Holdings for the purposes of tracing, debt collection and enforcement
- lawful basis for the collection of information
- overall decisions on an application for legal aid or a claim for costs in a legal aid case will always be made by a human decision-maker
- change of contact details for the Data Protection Officer for the Ministry of Justice

Privacy notices includes text on safeguarding measures and compliance with data protection laws.

Will old forms still be accepted?

Previous versions of the application forms will continue to be accepted until 15 October 2022, so providers have time to adjust.

Show all clients updated privacy notices

Your clients need to be aware of the updated privacy notices. This is especially important if you are submitting the older version of the form.

It means directing your clients to the new privacy notices when you are collecting personal information.

These privacy notices are on the new forms and you can use the links at the end of this article to help you.

CCMS privacy notices

We are working on integrating privacy notices into the Client and Cost Management System (CCMS) which will be updated in due course.

Updated forms:

[Controlled work application forms](#)

[Civil legal aid application forms](#)

[Criminal legal aid application forms](#)

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[Appointment of Dean of York: 13 July 2022](#)

Press release

The Queen has approved the nomination of The Very Reverend Dominic Matthew Jesse Barrington, Dean of St James Cathedral, Chicago, for election as Dean of York.



The Queen has approved the nomination of The Very Reverend Dominic Matthew Jesse Barrington, Dean of St James Cathedral, Chicago, for election as Dean of York, in succession to The Right Reverend Dr Jonathan Frost following his appointment as Bishop of Portsmouth.

Dominic was educated at Hatfield College, Durham, and trained for ministry at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. He served his title in the Mortlake with East Sheen Team Ministry, in the Diocese of Southwark, and was ordained Priest in 1996.

In 1998, Dominic was appointed Chaplain of St Chad's College, Durham. In 2003, he became Priest-in-Charge of St Peter and St Paul with St Michael, Kettering, in the Diocese of Peterborough, before being appointed Rector of the benefice in 2010.

In 2015, Dominic moved to his current role as Dean of St James Cathedral, Chicago, in The Episcopal Church in the United States.

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[England Coast Path creates 150 miles of coastal trail in Essex](#)

Half a million people in Essex are set to benefit from increased access to the coast as Natural England opens 85 miles of the England Coast Path today (13 July).

This new section of path, spans from Tilbury to Wallasea Island, via Southend-on-Sea and takes in varied landscapes of saltmarsh and vast grasslands. Now 50% of the Essex coastline – 150 miles in all – is accessible via the England Coast Path (ECP) which will provide more people with better opportunities to spend time outdoors and realise the health benefits of being in nature.

The newly opened trail will also provide an economic boost to the area – it's

estimated that £350 million is spent during trips to coastal paths supporting local people and businesses. It is hoped path will encourage a surge in visitor numbers which will benefit coastal communities along the route.

Highlights of the stretch include:

- Varied views from the towering ships at Tilbury to industrial landscapes, quiet marshes and glimpses of the Hoo Peninsula in Kent
- Canvey Island where nature has reclaimed industry as you walk past an oil terminal where construction was abandoned in the 1970's oil crisis. The 7 square mile island includes diverse grassland habitats and is home to weevils (*Sitona cinerascens*), a ground beetle (*Scybalicus oblongiusculus*) and a moth (*Hecatera dysodea*) which were previously recorded as extinct in Britain
- Nature lovers can enjoy the RSPB Nature Reserve at Wallasea Island constructed using materials from the Crossrail project. Deliberate holes have been placed in the seawalls to let in the tides with dense flocks of birds providing an autumn and spring spectacle for visitors
- Two Tree Island Nature Reserve adjacent to the historic ruins of Hadleigh Castle which is renowned for its flocks of small waders and larger brent geese
- Southend-on-Sea which is home to the longest seaside pier in England, amusements and blue flag beaches
- The former artillery forts at Tilbury are now connected by the ECP, allowing visitors to traverse between each historic site

Lord Benyon, Minister for Rural Affairs said:

We want to connect more people with nature – as outlined in the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan – so I'm delighted to see this significant stretch of England's Coastal Path open today.

Essex has a dynamic and historic landscape and this path will support sustainable tourism, giving an economic boost to many coastal businesses. I hope visitors will enjoy the rich contrasts of this stretch of path, from saltmarshes and mudflats to thriving seaside towns.

Marian Spain, CEO of Natural England said:

The England Coast Path will be the longest coastal walking route in the world once complete, accessible to all via public transport and walkable in all weathers and by people of all abilities. I'm thrilled that today Natural England is opening this latest section, which takes us another step closer to being able to walk all the way around England.

This stretch passes through areas rich in seaside heritage: industrial heartlands, coastal communities and nature reserves

where precious wildlife, from flocks of wild geese to rare insects, thrive.

Running from Tilbury to Wallasea Island via Southend-on-Sea it will directly connect half a million people to the coast allowing many more people to experience the benefits of connecting with nature.

Natural England has worked closely with Essex County Council, Southend-on-Sea City Council and Thurrock Borough Council to create a route which is accessible for all.

Councillor Lee Scott, Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, Maintenance and Sustainable Transport said:

This is fantastic news for Essex, and we are thrilled to see the launch of the two adjoining stretches of the England Coastal Path.

The new paths will offer an array of opportunities and benefits for the county. People will be able to enjoy walks along the stunning seaside and beaches in Essex which also have a vital role in helping to support the health and wellbeing of residents.

The new stretches of coast will also help to boost local tourism and connect people and communities with the natural environment and wildlife across the county. This is an exciting milestone for Essex, and we would encourage people to visit the new stretches of coastal path and discover the local environment.

Cllr Carole Mulroney, deputy leader and cabinet member for environment, culture and tourism at Southend-On-Sea City Council said:

It's wonderful to see the opening of the two coastal paths connecting us directly to Tilbury and Wallasea Island. This is a huge benefit for Southend-on-Sea, one that will connect lots of visitors to the beauty of our coastline and to enjoy what the area has to offer, both now and for many years to come.

Cllr Ben Maney, Thurrock Council Cabinet member for Highways and Transport, said:

This path creates an opportunity for people to get out and enjoy the outdoors as they walk along our coast and take in the natural and historical wonders it holds.

In Thurrock alone the paths take in nature including country parks

and nature reserves, history including Tilbury and Coalhouse Fort, and a glimpse of our future with the ever-developing Freeport across Port of Tilbury and London Gateway as well as two new beaches planned, all of which are the latest chapter in the borough's long history as we move to be the new City of London and the capital of U.K. ports. The path is a remarkable achievement and I am proud that Thurrock Council has been a key partner in creating this stretch of it.

The area is rich in history, Queen Elizabeth I gave a rousing speech to the troops at the approach of the Spanish Armada in the Tilbury area, it's also home to the remains of HMS Beagle which carried naturalist Charles Darwin around the world and Coalhouse Fort, used by Henry VIII to defend the Thames and London.

The opening of these stretches has created 28,000 football pitches worth of access to land between the line of trail and the mean low water. The trail secures these areas as a right in law for the first time, increasing the amount of access to the waterfront in the countryside and seaside towns in the area.

When completed the ECP will be the longest, continuous coastal walking route in the world. At over 2,700 miles long, this National Trail will offer the opportunity to traverse through the country's most recognised and dynamic landscapes.

It will ensure greater access to England's cherished coastlines, connect more people with nature and also provide a boost for coastal communities from sustainable tourism.

The opening of this section follows the opening of the Grain to Woolwich stretch in January 2022.

Background:

- The newly opened stretches are easily accessed via public transport. There is also the option of using the Tilbury ferry from areas south of the river Thames to connect with London and Kent.
- Progress on the ECP can be found here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-overview-of-progress
- For more information on open stretches of the England Coast Path and other National Trails, visit: www.nationaltrail.co.uk
- The [Countryside Code](#) is the official guide on how to enjoy nature and treat both it, and the people who live and work there, with respect.