

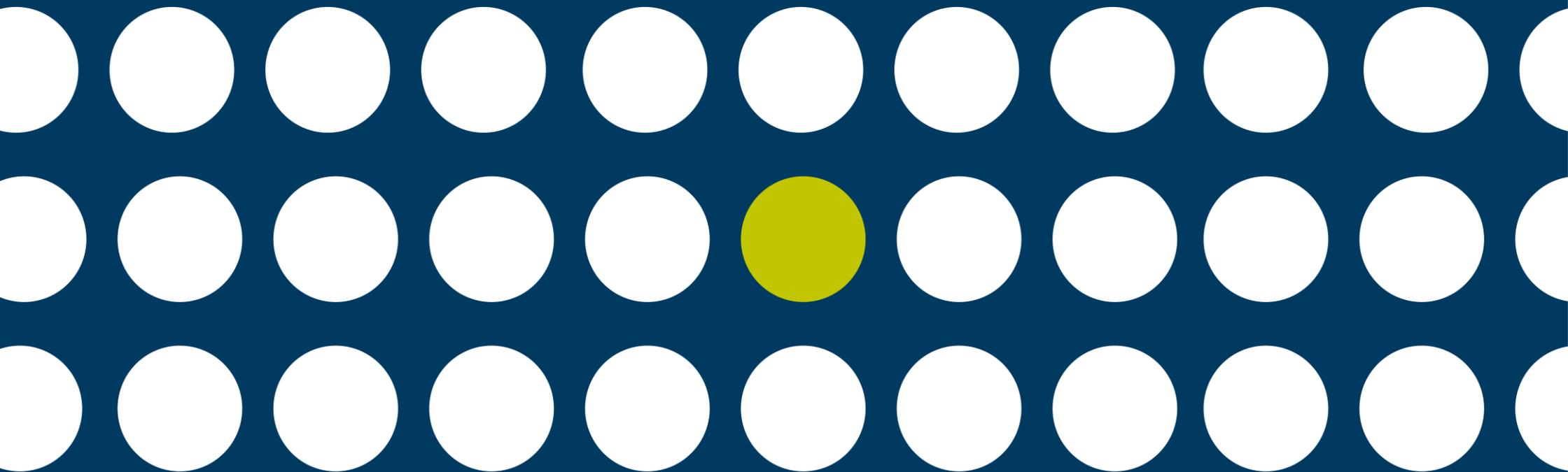
Applicant Pack

Committee Member

*National Statistician's Committee for Advice on
Standards for Economic Statistics (NSCASE)*



Office for
National Statistics



Thank you for your interest
in this position.

It is an **exciting** opportunity to
work with a **radical, ambitious,
inclusive and sustainable**
organisation.

Welcome



Official economic statistics are the most important indicators of the condition of the UK economy and are some of the most closely watched official statistics.

The *National Statistician's Committee for Advice on Standards for Economic Statistics (NSCASE)* supports the UK by ensuring its processes for influencing and adopting international statistical standards are world-leading. We are seeking to appoint two independent members to the Committee, to provide strategic advice directly to the National Statistician.

Specifically, the Committee provides advice to the National Statistician on:

- The suitability of current standards across the ONS's suite of economic data;
- Which standards the UK should adopt in the future, to meet the specific measurement needs of the UK economy, while ensuring international comparability; and
- How the UK should influence the development of future standards.

The advice NSCASE provides to the National Statistician spans the full range of domains in economic statistics, including the National Accounts, fiscal statistics, prices, trade and the balance of payments and labour market statistics. It identifies global measurement best practice and considers how best to meet the imperative for internationally comparable statistics. It also identifies opportunities for statistical innovation and supports statistical producers as they seek to ensure that their statistics accurately capture economic reality.

The current Committee have been in post for a year. They have a mix of skills and experience. We are looking to grow the Committee by recruiting two new candidates with the following desirable experience:

- Strong background as producers or users of economic and financial statistics in the private sector, either nationally or internationally.
- And/ or experience at the interface of environmental and economic statistics.

Candidates should demonstrate excellent leadership and strategic skills, as well as the ability to influence and communicate effectively with a wide range of people. Candidates must hold a good working knowledge of the UK's economic data and their uses.

Professor Sir Ian Diamond

National Statistician

Why UKSA?

United Kingdom Statistics Authority (UKSA)

Our people are our strength and we aim to be a brilliant and inclusive employer to over 5,000 colleagues, who work flexibly across all of our sites and in co-located teams.

We have people in offices in Edinburgh, London, Manchester, Newport (South Wales), Titchfield (Fareham) and in the Darlington Economic Campus, alongside other departments. We also have a large team of interviewers, who are based throughout the UK.

What people say about us?

We are the [Glassdoor #1](#) employer for work life balance.

'A brilliant place to work with a genuine focus on people and career development'

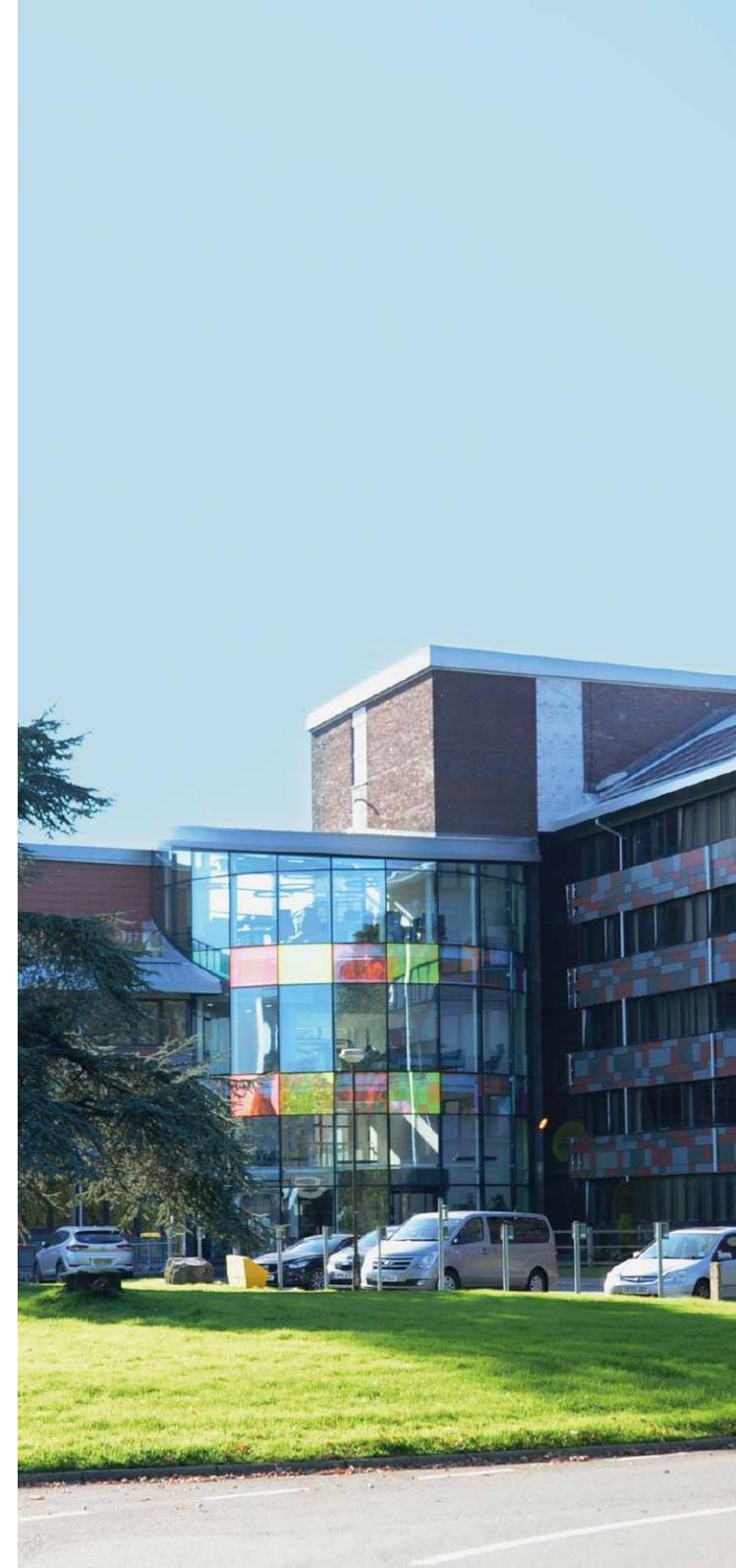
Ross, Macroeconomic Statistics and Analysis

'One of my favourite things about working in ONS is that it is packed with committed and inspiring people who genuinely care about the impact we have across the whole of society in the UK.'

Anne, Population and Public Policy

'A modern and flexible working environment with a focus on staff and culture'

Tom, Recruitment Services



Inclusion & Diversity

At ONS, we recognise that inclusion is a critical underpinning to our ambitions to be a truly diverse organisation, and are committed to attracting and retaining the very best people from the widest possible talent pool.

We are actively building an inclusive workforce, where colleagues feel confident to build meaningful and authentic relationships, differences are celebrated for the value they bring, and colleagues can bring their whole selves to work. In 2022, ONS were voted by Glassdoor as the “Top UK company for work-life balance” for the second year in a row and are proud to be voted one of Glassdoor's 50 top employers in 2023. Recognition such as these highlights our commitment for inclusion to be at the heart of everything we do, as do our other awards and accreditations.

As an employer, we know it is through embracing these differences, and having a workforce that reflects the communities it serves, that will we continue to achieve our mission of producing statistics for the public good.

Our commitments are outlined in our Inclusion and Diversity strategy, which we continue to review to ensure it remains ambitious and relevant as our organisation develops.



The Prince's Responsible Business Network

Race at Work Charter signatory



Support During the Recruitment Process

As a member of the Business Disability Forum and a Disability Confident Leader, we are committed to ensuring that all candidates are treated fairly throughout the recruitment process. This includes providing reasonable adjustments for applicants who require them.

A reasonable adjustment is a change that can be made to remove or reduce a barrier within the recruitment process due to a disability/long-term health condition.

Therefore, as part of the process, you will be prompted to provide details of any reasonable adjustments to our recruitment process that you need. If you would like to discuss any reasonable adjustments before applying, please contact the recruitment team in the first instance.

If you would like an accessible version of any of the attachments or recruitment documents used in this campaign, please contact the recruitment team who will be happy to assist.

If you need advice with any part of the application process or completing your CV or personal statement, please contact our Recruitment Team at scs.recruitment@ons.gov.uk or call us on 01633 455556, one of the team will be happy to help you.



Our Mission

“High quality data and analysis to **inform the UK, **improve lives** and **build the future.**”**

Official statistics are for the benefit of society and the economy generally. They allow the formulation of better public policy and the effective measurement of those policies; they inform the direction of economic and commercial activities; they provide valuable information for analysts, researchers, public and voluntary bodies; and they enable the public to hold to account all organisations that spend public money, thus informing democratic debate.

[UKSA Website](#)

About the Role

Committee Member

National Statistician's Committee for Advice on Standards for Economic Statistics (NSCASE)

Remuneration: £500 per day

Closing date: 19 May 2023

Objective

The National Statistician's Committee for the Advice on Standards for Economic Statistics is seeking to appoint two new independent committee members to provide strategic advice directly to the National Statistician. NSCASE supports the UK by ensuring its processes for influencing and adopting international statistical standards are world-leading. Official economic statistics are the most important indicators of the condition of the UK economy and are some of the most closely watched official statistics. The NSCASE Committee support the adoption and implementation of high-quality standards for UK economic statistics that are

world leading and influence international statistical standards.

Outputs

- In this role, you will work closely with the Chair and other committee members, senior leaders across the statistical system, and key users of economic data.

On an ongoing basis, you will be responsible contributing to advice to the National Statistician with regard to:

- the suitability of current standards across the ONS's suite of economic data;
- how the UK can and should influence the development of future standards;
- which standards the UK should adopt in future, to meet the specific measurement needs of the UK economy, while ensuring international comparability.

Individuals must be able to commit to attending four meetings each year. Forthcoming meetings are taking place on 17th July 2023, and 16th October 2023.

The appointment will be for an initial period of approximately three years. We look to stagger members' end dates to ensure continuity of work and experience. The possibility of renewal for a further similar period will be available.

Once appointed, for payment purposes you will be required to engage with one of our Recruitment Partners. ONS will provide you with the necessary information to do that and if you have any questions in the meantime, please email us on: scs.recruitment@ons.gov.uk.

The successful candidate must meet the security requirements before they can be appointed. The level of security needed is [Baseline Personal Security Standard](#).

Requirements

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- Strategic skills, including the ability to analyse complex issues and to think clearly, strategically and laterally, extracting the essence of an argument from papers or presented evidence.
- Influencing and communication skills, including an ability to develop and maintain relationships with groups with disparate views and agendas.
- Team working and collaboration skills, including an ability to work with other members and to participate in robust debate, challenging constructively the opinions of others, and working to achieve a shared consensus.

We are looking for two new members to sit on the Committee with a mix of skills and experience. Candidates should have the following experience:

Essential (one or more)

- A background working with international statistical bodies and/or on international statistical guidance on standards for and/ or the production, of economic and fiscal statistics;

- Producing or working with statistical standards.
- Strong background as producers or users of economic and financial statistics either nationally or internationally.
- Work with international statistical guidance and the bodies that produce such guidance.

Desirable (one or more)

- Strong background as producers or users of economic and financial statistics in the private sector, either nationally or internationally.
- Experience at the interface of environmental and economic statistics.

Location

- There would be an expectation to travel to meetings when necessary.
- Meetings are likely to be held in our office locations in London, Newport (South Wales), Titchfield (Fareham), or Darlington.

Recruitment Timetable



Vacancy live

28th April 2023

Closing date

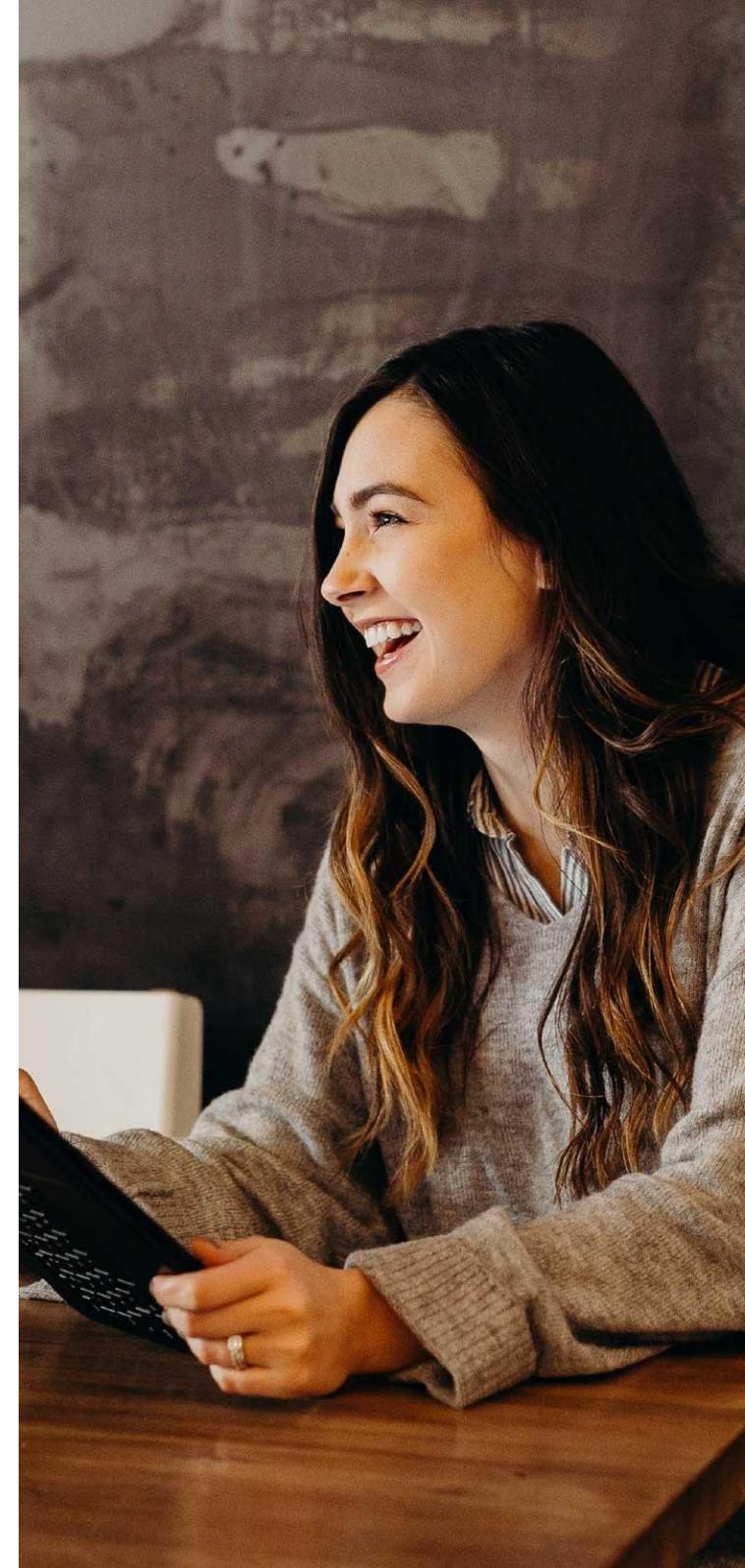
12:00pm (Midday) on 19th May 2023

Interviews

31st May 2023

Committee Members appointed

w/c 5th June 2023



Selection Approach

Applications should include:

1. A **covering letter** explaining why this post interests you and how you meet the criteria as detailed in the requirements section of the vacancy description.
Your covering letter should be no longer than two sides of A4.
2. A **curriculum vitae** which includes:
 - Details of education and professional qualifications
 - Full employment history
 - Relevant achievements in recent posts

Please send your completed application to SCS.recruitment@ons.gov.uk with your CV and statement as attachments.

Applications will be sifted following the closing date and informal conversations will be held on Wednesday 31st May 2023.

Security Clearance

Individuals appointed to the Office for National Statistics or UK Statistics Authority will be subject to National Security Vetting at BPSS level for this post.

If you are unsure that you meet the eligibility required, please contact scs.recruitment@ons.gov.uk before applying.

Contact

**Thank you for your
interest in this
position.**

Please send your completed application
to SCS.recruitment@ons.gov.uk

If you have any questions,
please get in touch:

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