

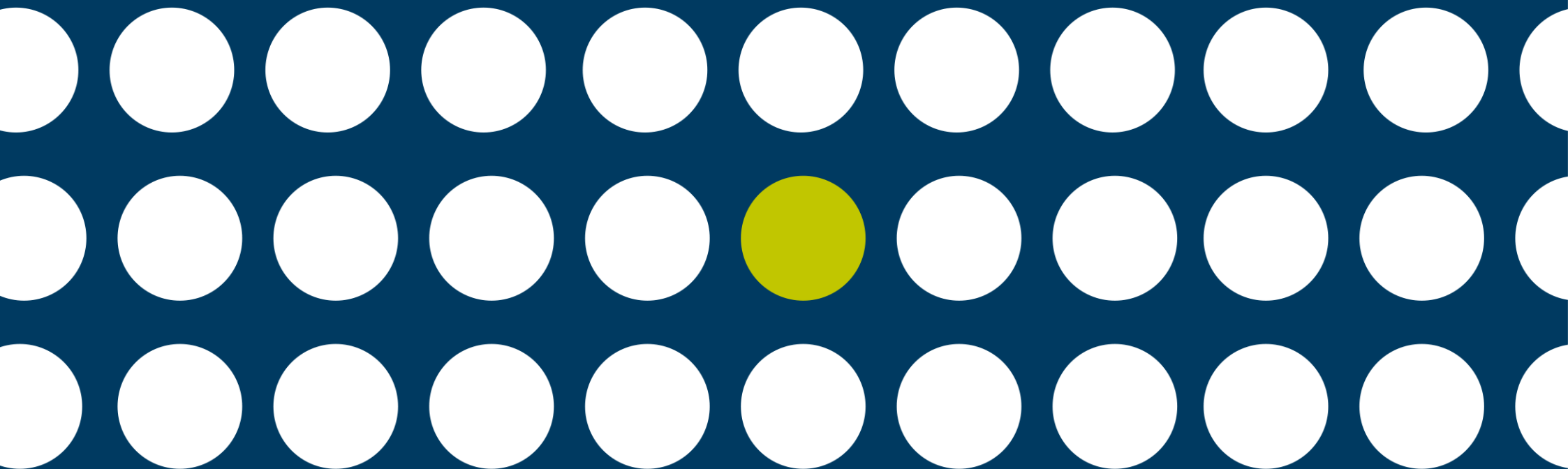
Candidate Pack

Committee Chair

*Advisory Panel on National
Accounts (APoNA)*



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.

Why ONS?

The Office for National Statistics (ONS)

At ONS, 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 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 do our people say about us?

'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



The Prince's
Responsible
Business Network

Race at Work Charter signatory



ONS is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment to attract and retain top talent from diverse backgrounds and we aim to foster a workplace where differences are celebrated and colleagues can be their authentic selves, aligning with our mission to produce statistics for the public good. We are proud of our progress recognised through many awards.

We provide modifications to the recruitment process for applicants with disabilities or long-term health conditions. We also offer accessible versions of recruitment documents upon request. Please contact the recruitment team to discuss either of these or to assist candidates with any part of the application process at scs.recruitment@ons.gov.uk or call us on 01633 455556.



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 Chair

Advisory Panel on National Accounts (APoNA)

Remuneration: £5,000 per annum

Closing date: 17th July 2025

Overview

The Advisory Panel on National Accounts (APoNA) provides independent advice to the Deputy National Statistician on the production, publication, uses and applications of National Accounts and their technical aspects.

The APoNA has been set up to provide advice and guidance for National Accounts, and its directly associated topics, which are produced and published by the ONS. This includes the regular suite of National Accounts publications (monthly, quarterly and annual) as well as the transformation of existing outputs and the development of new statistics.

In scope are:

- Data sources and methods used to compile the National Accounts,
- Production issues related to the compilation of GDP and components, which include: GDP (monthly, quarterly and annual), Trade, Balance of Payments, Sector and Financial Accounts, and Productivity.

Note that Public Sector Finances and classification guidance and decisions will be considered separately and outside of the APoNA due to specific user focus and needs.

Responsibilities

Relationship of APoNA to other advisory panels

The APoNA forms part of a suite of separate advisory panels on Economic Statistics and works in parallel to separate advisory panels on Labour Market and Prices. Issues relevant to those topics are covered by the appropriate advisory panel.

Functions

The Advisory Panel provides independent advice to the Deputy National Statistician, Economic Statistics on the production, uses and applications of National Accounts, and its associated topics, to ensure that these statistics meet the needs of users and 'serve the public good'.

Specifically, the Panel will:

- monitor and provide timely advice on the National Accounts and related transformations and improvements based on the agenda items covered;

- raise other relevant issues or topics on the production, use and application of National Accounts, including on behalf of the user community;
- provide technical expertise on relevant aspects of the National Accounts statistics work programme guided by the agenda items;
- provide a yearly report to the Deputy National Statistician, Economic Statistics as appropriate, describing its activities and plans

Role and Responsibilities

The APoNA advises the Deputy National Statistician, Economic Statistics. The Chair of the APoNA, in conjunction with the Deputy National Statistician for Economic Statistics, will present a yearly summary report on the activities of the Advisory Panel, for the National Statistician, who in turn can decide whether specific matters or issues need to be raised or discussed by the UK Statistics

Authority Board.

Person specification

- has a strong background as either a producer or user of official statistics, particularly in the economic domain;
- 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; and
- have a good working knowledge of the use of official statistics and their uses, and the UK statistical system.

The successful applicant will contribute sufficiently to Committee discussions such that it may effectively discharge its duties as set out in the Terms of reference.

Further information

The Panel will be expected to meet between two to four times each year or on an as needed basis as requested by ONS and agreed with the Chair. Adequate meeting preparation time will be provided.

APoNA meetings will have flexibility to follow a hybrid approach, although the committee may, on occasion, meet all in person with a venue provided at a relevant ONS site for those attending.

The Chair will be paid remuneration of £5,000 a year. This position is non-pensionable. All reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be reimbursed.

The appointment will be for an initial period of three years.

Conflict of interest and consideration of reputational issues

Holders of public office are expected to adhere and uphold the [Seven Principles of Public Life](#) and the Code of Conduct for Board Members of Public Bodies. Before you apply you should consider carefully:

- any outside interests that you may have, such as shares you may hold in a company providing services to government or which could be affected by access to market sensitive statistics;
- any possible reputational issues arising from your past actions or public statements that you have made;
- and/or - any political roles you hold or political campaigns you have supported; which may call into question your ability to do the role you are applying for.

Many conflicts of interest can be satisfactorily

resolved and declaring a potential conflict does not prevent you from being considered. If you are shortlisted, we will discuss any interests that would be likely to conflict with their responsibilities, including any proposals you may have to mitigate them. Please declare any potential conflict of interest as early as possible in the selection process and disclose information or personal connections that might, if successful, be open to misperception

Details of declared political activity will be published when the appointment is announced, as required by the Governance Code (political activity is not a bar to appointment, but must be declared).

Recruitment Timetable

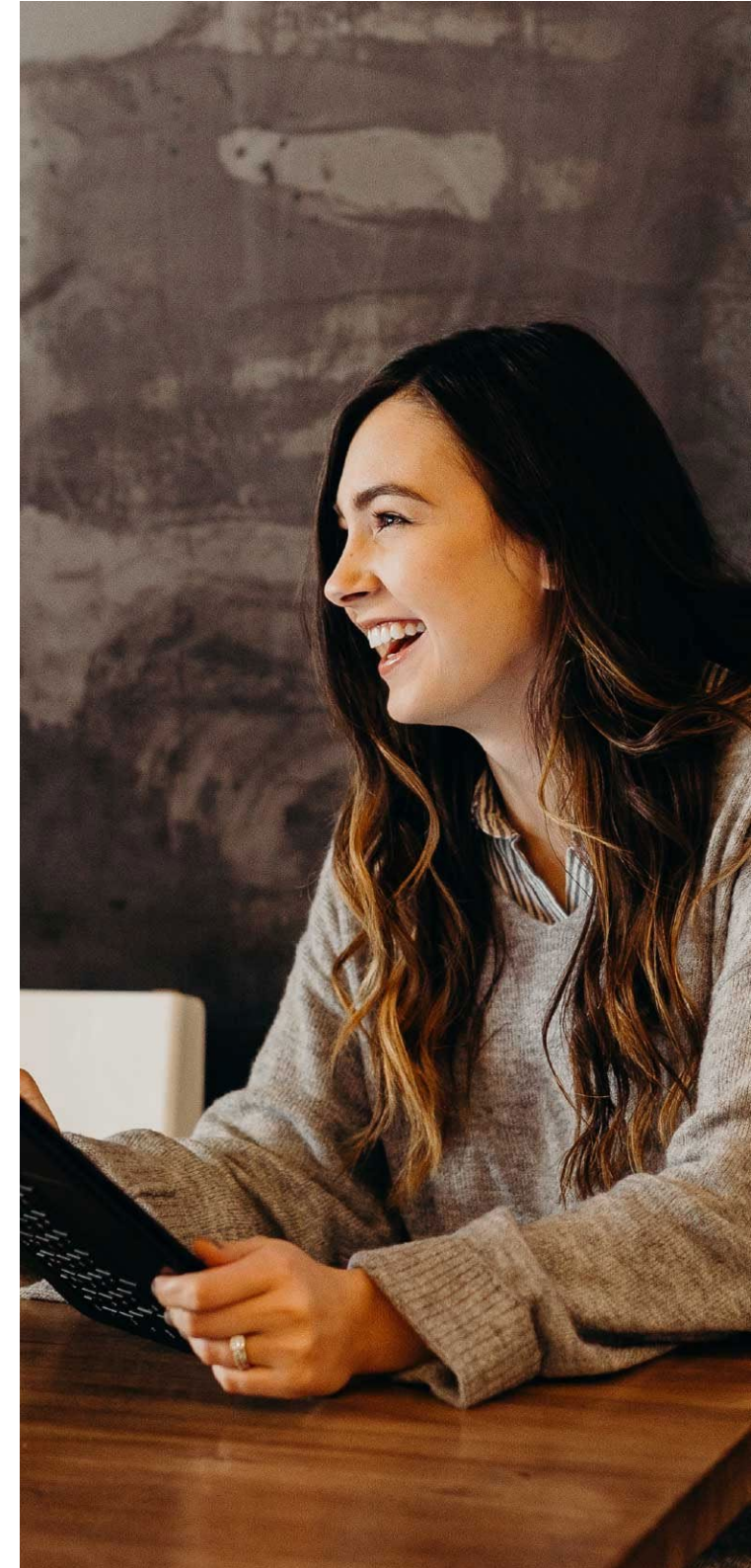


Vacancy live
26th June 2025

Closing date
23:55pm on 17th July 2025

Informal Conversations
29th July 2025

Chair appointed
August 2025



Selection Approach

Applications should include:

1. A **covering letter** explaining why this post interests you and how you meet the person specification as detailed on page 8 of this candidate pack using examples to demonstrate how you meet the requirements.
Your covering letter should be no longer than one side 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 shortlisted candidates will be invited for an informal discussion aligned to their experience and the essential criteria. Conversations will be with the National Statistician and other panel members.

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

Contact

**Thank you for your
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Please send your completed
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If you have any questions,
please get in touch:

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