

News story: CAU Restaurants Limited: how to claim redundancy or register as a creditor

If you've been dismissed

If you've been dismissed, you might be entitled to redundancy pay, holiday pay and statutory notice pay from the Insolvency Service.

The amount the Insolvency Service can pay you will be subject to certain legal limits. Information about the legal limits is [available on GOV.UK](#).

Other money you're owed will be paid to you automatically through the company's payroll. This includes salary, wages, or overtime you're owed.

Who is eligible

You can to apply to the Insolvency Service for redundancy pay, holiday pay and statutory notice pay if:

[Workers](#) and [self-employed contractors](#) who provided services to the company are not eligible to apply. Instead, these individuals should contact the administrator to register as creditors: <http://www.deloitte.com/uk/caugauch>

How to apply

The administrator will give details about how to apply and will also give you a case reference number (eg CN12345678).

Once you have this information you can [apply online](#).

Paying your claim

Once you submit your online application, it takes us an average of 14 days to process your application and pay claims.

However, sometimes we need to get additional information from you or from the administrator. This can take a bit of time.

We'll contact you directly if we need anything from you.

We always try to pay eligible claims within 6 weeks of receiving the application.

Please don't contact us to check the status of your application until after the 6 weeks have passed. This will help us deal with everyone's application as quickly as possible.

Getting help

If you have questions about your situation you should contact the HR department by:

Alternatively, you can contact the administrator's employment team at:

- email: sjalaf@deloitte.co.uk • telephone: 0207 303 3399

If you need help completing your application, you can contact the Insolvency Service's Redundancy Payments helpline on 0330 331 0020.

When calling, please have your case reference number (eg CN12345678) and National Insurance number to hand. If you do not have a case reference number, please contact the administrator.

If you need to email us after submitting your claim, please only use the email address you gave on your application form. Otherwise, we won't be able to respond to you for security reasons.

Other support available to you

[Factsheet: finding a new job, managing your finances and benefits available to you.](#)

Information for creditors

You'll need to register as a creditor in the administration if:

- you haven't been paid for goods or services you've supplied to CAU
- you've paid CAU for goods or services that you haven't received

Information about how to register as a creditor can be found at:

<http://www.deloitte.com/uk/caugauchou>.

If you have any questions, you can also contact the Insolvency Enquiry Line:

The Insolvency Enquiry Line can give you general information about:

- insolvency
- redundancy
- what redundancy payments offices do
- where you can go to get the information or advice you need

They cannot give you:

- legal or financial advice
- information on specific insolvency cases
- information or advice on matters directly relating to other government departments

News story: UK and French Transport ministers meet

UK and French Transport Ministers Jo Johnson and Elisabeth Borne met in Paris today (20 July 2018) for a productive and cordial exchange of ideas and perspectives, following the implementation of the UK-France Sandhurst Summit declaration last January.

The ministers shared their experiences on a wide range of transport issues, building on the long-standing relationship between the UK and France. Minister Borne outlined plans to modernise the transport infrastructure in Paris and across France. Minister Johnson shared UK experience from London 2012 as France prepares for their 2024 Olympic Games, with a particular focus on developing existing transport links.

The ministers renewed their shared commitment to low carbon sustainable mobility, which was cemented last January at the UK-France Sandhurst Summit, when our two countries agreed to work together on zero-emissions vehicles. They agreed to continue their constructive dialogue and to remain close partners and voisins.

Press release: UK aid package to drive up global transparency and accountability

A new UK aid package will help governments in developing countries stamp out corruption and improve accountability, Minister of State for International Development Harriett Baldwin announced yesterday (Thursday 19 July).

It is estimated that up to £2 trillion is lost globally to corruption every year, which reduces the amount that governments can invest in vital services such as healthcare and education.

The support, announced at the Open Government Partnership's (OGP) Fifth Global Summit in Tbilisi, Georgia, will drive transparency reforms through locally-led National Action Plans produced by governments and civil society, with the support of expertise from OGP.

The support is a part of the UK's Transparency Agenda 'Open Aid, Open Societies', launched by Minister Baldwin in February 2018.

Minister of State Harriett Baldwin said:

“Corruption hurts the world’s poorest and most vulnerable the most. We must clamp down on the spaces where rogue money can operate if we are to end poverty and create a fairer world.

“Transparency transforms people’s lives for the better by helping developing countries to collect taxes, improve public services and ensure a level playing field in which businesses can flourish.

“Too many governments publish incomprehensible spreadsheets that do little to increase transparency. Today’s UK aid package will help some of the world’s poorest people access easily understandable information so that they can really see how their taxes are spent, and properly hold their leaders to account.”

The UK helped to found the Open Government Partnership in 2011. It has since grown from eight to 76 participating countries.

Notes to editors:

- The UK announced a £12 million programme of support over three years for the Open Government Partnership (OGP) at the OGP Fifth Global Summit in Tbilisi, Georgia – ‘Support for Open Government and Transparency’ yesterday. Today’s funding is an allocation from the Governance, Open Societies and Anti-Corruption programme budget for 2018/19.
- Of the £12 million, £6.8 million will help the OGP to scale up support to member countries in implementing open government reform commitments, including a focus on DFID priority countries Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria and Pakistan.
- The programme also includes up to £4.7m for a new World Bank managed Multi-Donor Trust Fund which will provide technical and financial assistance to design and implement open government reform commitments.

Press release: UK support is helping Nigeria move “beyond aid”

The International Development Secretary, Penny Mordaunt, hails UK and Nigeria co-operation and announces UK aid support to help rural communities become self-sufficient.

Ms Mordaunt has praised the close partnership between the UK and Nigeria, which is helping the West African country lay the foundations on which to build a sustainable future.

During her first visit to Nigeria as International Development Secretary, Ms Mordaunt visited rural communities in Kaduna in the north of the country.

She announced extended support to the Propcom Mai-karfi scheme which, with UK aid funding, will support the livelihoods of farmers in some of the poorest parts of rural Nigeria.

By utilising simple and effective innovations, such as developing a private sector tractor hire service model providing over 53,000 farmers with access to tractors, the programme will open up markets for vulnerable communities and ensure stability and economic recovery in the north east.

Since 2012, DFID's Propcom Mai-karfi programme has successfully generated over £27.3 million of additional income for the programme's 676,316 beneficiaries including 150,561 women.

Ms Mordaunt also witnessed the impact UK tax-collecting expertise is making in Northern Nigeria. Thanks to a robust and efficient UK-supported tax collection system, Kaduna now has more money to spend on public services including hospitals and schools.

In a symbolic moment, Ms Mordaunt provided the final ever UK aid package of medical supplies to one of the region's health centres. The state will now take over the running of the health clinic, paid for with taxes generated in Kaduna.

International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt said:

The UK has a key role to play in ensuring Nigeria, one of the fastest growing countries in the world, has a bright, stable and prosperous future.

We are working to help Nigeria invest in its people and create more jobs, giving it a future beyond aid. British expertise in tax collection is ensuring Nigeria can build better schools and health centres.

Nigeria is our trading partner. Together we are working towards a mutually prosperous future, which is firmly in Nigeria's, but also the UK's national interest.

The Secretary of State saw how UK aid is driving a step-change in the relationship between the people of Kaduna, their Government, and the role of taxes in funding everyday services, which can improve lives in a practical way.

During her visit the International Development Secretary visited a health centre and school:

- the Badarawa Primary Healthcare Centre in Kaduna. Here the Secretary of

State completed the formal handover of the final consignment of UK Aid funded medicine and equipment to Kaduna. While at the clinic, the Minister witnessed UK Aid's contribution to the Government of Kaduna's investment in primary health systems, which is giving women and children under five better access to essential health services.

- LGEA Primary School, supported by UK Aid's Teacher Development Programme (TDP). The school has benefitted from UK Aid through DFID's Teacher Development Programme which supports teacher training in English, Maths and Science. The programme supports teachers by providing print and audio visual materials on low cost mobile devices. TDP has also supported Kaduna to improve the quality of initial teacher training provided in Colleges of Education in the state.

In Abuja, the Secretary of State also:

- attended a roundtable discussion with the British High Commission and representatives from disability charities to discuss disability in Nigeria and Nigeria's commitment to the Global Disability Summit next week, co-hosted by DFID in the UK on Tuesday, July 24;
- met with Vice President Yemi Osinbajo to further strengthen UK Nigeria relations and sought commitments from the Vice President on using Nigerian resources effectively to reduce poverty, and on resolving the humanitarian crisis in the North East;
- met with staff from the British High Commission, and thanked them for their support and hard work.

Propcom Mai-karfi is DFID's rural markets and livelihoods programme that has been working to address the challenges of access to market for smallholder farmers in Northern Nigeria.

The extension to Propcom Mai-karfi (PM) will supply an additional £24 million made available over three additional years. This extension covers three broad areas.

- Expand the programme into conflict affected states in the north east to work towards sustained stability and economic recovery that improves livelihoods of the rural poor.
- Increase resilience of the rural poor to climate change by growing a portfolio of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) interventions such as encouraging the market for solar powered driers for post-harvest loss reduction in vulnerable crops such as tomato and pepper.
- Improve access to rural and agricultural markets of Northern Nigeria for the poorest and most vulnerable including 162,500 women.

The programme extension will increase the resilience of 487,500 rural entrepreneurs and smallholder farmers in northern Nigeria, over 250,000 of which will now be based in the north east.

News story: Plans to help children in foster care experience loving and stable homes

Foster families are to receive clearer advice on physical affection so that they can feel more confident to hug and comfort the children in their care, as the Government sets out new measures to help children in foster care experience loving and stable homes.

The new plans outlined today (20 July) focus on the experiences and outcomes for children in foster care, helping to support those who may have had a difficult start to lead fulfilling and normal lives.

Foster families will also be empowered to make more day-to-day decisions in the best interests of the children in their care, including simple but important things like being able to take children to get their haircut, allowing them to go on school trips or to be able to go over to friends' houses.

The Department for Education will also explore ways digital technology can enhance the foster care system and consider how it could help tackle challenges such as recruiting more families to become foster parents and have access to training and resources to support these families.

Minister for Children and Families Nadhim Zahawi said:

We want every child in foster care to have a loving, stable home and trusted relationships so they can have the 'normal' life they desperately want and experience the same opportunities as other children.

We also want to support and empower foster parents to make the daily decisions they would for their own children and make sure they receive the recognition they deserve for their incredible work.

The department's [response](#) to the independent [review](#), Foster Care in England by Sir Martin Narey and Mark Owers and the Education Select Committee's fostering [report](#), sets out six priority areas for the government's vision for a better care system, driven directly by children's needs and views.

These priority areas include:

- Improving the experience of children in foster care – guidance for foster families on physical affection will be made clearer and social

workers will be urged to help children in foster care have contact with loved ones.

- Greater stability for children in care – a new training package will be created for social workers to help more children have long-term foster placements and a new national board will be set up to promote better life chances for children in care.
- Empowering foster families – working with councils to help foster families to make more day-to-day parenting decisions and explore ways digital technology can support foster families' training.
- Driving improvements in fostering practice – working with a group of councils and agencies to develop best practice for foster care and reviewing guidance to make it clearer on practice issues.
- Better ways of matching children with families – funding new approaches to commission foster placements for children.

A Young Person's version of the government response has also been published today to engage children and young people in foster care directly and help them to be more involved in the care system.

Harvey Gallagher, Chief Executive of Nationwide Association of Fostering Providers, said:

A real sustained focus from government on building on the strengths of foster care and improving the lives of children placed in foster care is of course most welcome. The Government's emphasis on genuine collaboration between local authorities and independent fostering providers is a breath of fresh air and I know many of our local authority colleagues will feel the same.

Commissioning of foster care placements can only begin to be effective with this kind of sea change in relationships between commissioners and service providers.

Alan Wood, Managing Director at FosterTalk, said:

FosterTalk welcomes the Departmental response to the independent review and the Education Select Committee's fostering report. We view this as an opportunity to investigate and improve further methods of good practice to ensure that children in the care system are placed at the center of the decision making.

We particularly welcome the recognition for greater placement stability and more emphasis being placed upon the child's wishes with greater control of their own care planning. We owe it to all children within our care system to act on the evidence and recommendations from the two reviews to improve practice and ultimately provide the opportunities that our children deserve. We all need to play our part in realising this potential to make a difference to the child in care.

John Simmonds, Director of Policy Research and Development at CoramBAAF, said:

The Department's response sets out a strategy that directly reflects those concerns – that at the heart of fostering is the creation of a family life for a child – in the short or the long term – that will directly influence them for the rest of their lives.

Government could not have a greater responsibility or opportunity to ensure that this drives what has been too often a complex, risk adverse and systems focussed model. The objectives set out in the Minister's response directly reflect these concerns. The sector needs to grasp the opportunities being made available to ensure that every child placed in foster care results in them feeling protected, listened to, supported and above all encouraged and valued.