

# Foreign Secretary welcomes extension of truce in Yemen

Press release

The Foreign Secretary has welcomed the two-month extension of the truce in Yemen, which has been agreed today 2 August 2022.



Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said:

The UK welcomes the extension of the truce in Yemen.

This is a significant achievement and further step towards the lasting peace in Yemen.

This truce must now lead to a permanent ceasefire

Since the truce came into force on 2 April the number of civilian casualties is at a seven-year low and regional security has been strengthened.

The truce has delivered tangible benefits to Yemeni civilians, such as decreased fuel costs due to the flow of fuel into Hodeidah Port and an agreement to restart flights out of Sana'a, as well as the stopping of cross-border attacks by the Houthis into Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The UK hosted a Quint meeting on 18 July, bringing together representatives from the Sultanate of Oman, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and United States. The group affirmed our full support for UN efforts to extend the truce and reiterated our commitment to stand by the people of Yemen.

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## UK government's Chevening scholarship for Argentina is now open

Chevening Scholarships are awarded to individuals from all backgrounds who can demonstrate that they have the commitment and skills required to create positive change, and can show how a UK master's degree will help them do that. The scholarship offers full financial support for scholars to study for any eligible master's degree at any UK university whilst also gaining access to a wide range of exclusive academic, professional, and cultural experiences.

Since the programme was created in 1983, over 50,000 professionals have had the opportunity to develop in the UK through Chevening. There are more than 1,500 scholarships on offer globally for the 2023/2024 academic year, demonstrating the UK's ongoing commitment towards developing the leaders of tomorrow.

Head of Scholarships at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Naomi Rayner, said:

As the world continues to tackle major global issues such as climate change, international cooperation is more essential than ever. Chevening seeks to build an international community of people who are committed to working together to drive positive change. We do this by bringing together incredible people from around the world and supporting them, through education, to achieve their goals.

In the UK we are proud of our world class universities and we know that our learning environments are enriched by the wide diversity of cultures, experiences and viewpoints represented on our campuses. Chevening scholars make a significant contribution to these communities, as well as becoming an important part of our network of over 50,000 alumni.

Chevening represents the very best of the UK, welcoming people from across the world to study, grow, and thrive. Being a part of the Chevening network instils a strong sense of pride and responsibility. I am consistently inspired by the passion and commitment of those in the Chevening community and I look forward to hearing from this year's applicants.

The British Ambassador to Argentina, Kirsty Hayes, said about the scholarships:

There is no such thing as a 'typical' scholar. Your age, race, gender, religion and cultural background do not matter to us. They can be from the city of Buenos Aires or from any province in Argentina. We want to see that you have energy, curiosity, compassion a clear vision for your future and the ability to achieve your goals.

Our alumni network, both in Argentina and abroad, is full of dynamic influencers, and we hope that new professionals will be able to expand that network once they return to the country after completing their studies.

The call for new applicants follows the selection of 20 scholars from Argentina, who won an award to study at a UK university this year. Successful applicants have been sharing their stories through the #ChosenForChevening hashtag on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

## **More information**

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More information is available at [chevening.org](https://chevening.org)

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## **[Levelling Up Secretary tightens](#)**

# council accounting rules

Press release

The Secretary of State has written to council leaders amending council accounting rules.



The Secretary of State for Levelling Up Greg Clark has written to all council leaders amending rules which saw some councils attempting to circumvent rules allowing for the flexible use of capital receipts.

The change makes clear these flexibilities can be used to fund transformation projects only where councils do not retain either direct or indirect control of disposed assets.

The move will prevent councils from using novel practices which put taxpayer money at risk and drain resource. It will also help put a stop to accounting firms and consultancies wasting taxpayer money advising councils on creative accounting.

## **Levelling Up Secretary Greg Clark said:**

Every council has a duty to use the tax they receive from hardworking people in a responsible way.

It's not right that some councils have been using unorthodox accounting practices which put taxpayer cash at risk. That's why we've tightened the rules which some authorities have been attempting to bypass.

The Secretary of State retains the ability, on an exceptional basis, to provide councils with permission to capitalise revenue costs where there is a compelling case to do so.

See the [full letter](#).

## [Applications for the Chevening Scholarships open 2 August 2022](#)

Applications for Chevening Scholarships to study in the UK are open between 2 August and 1 November 2022, with applications to be submitted via [chevening.org/apply](https://chevening.org/apply).

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The British Ambassador to Chile, Louise de Sousa, said:

We are looking for applicants who are passionate about driving change, whether on a local or global scale, so if you want to be the best at what you do and if you have the imagination to inspire others, then a Chevening scholarship could be the perfect opportunity for you.

There is no such thing as a 'typical' scholar. We want diverse applicants from all backgrounds, including from all ages, race, gender, religion and cultural background. In Chile we are welcoming applicants from all regions. We want to see that they have energy, curiosity, compassion a clear vision for their future and the ability to achieve their goals. So, if this sounds like you, then you are very likely to fit in with our community of over 50,000 alumni worldwide.

Our alumni network is full of dynamic influencers who have shared the same experience that you will. They can offer encouragement, mentorship, advice, and contacts. When you return home after your studies you should feel well-equipped to start making a real difference professionally or socially.

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## Applications for the UK Government's Chevening Scholarships open for Somalis

Do you want to study a master's course at a top UK university? If yes, you can apply for the British government Chevening scholarship programme anytime between today and 1 November 2022, with applications to be submitted via [chevening.org/apply](https://chevening.org/apply)

The scholarship offers full financial support for scholars to study for any eligible master's degree at any UK university whilst also gaining access to a wide range of exclusive academic, professional, and cultural experiences.

British Ambassador to Somalia, Kate Foster said:

I'm pleased to announce this year's opening of the 2022/23 Chevening Scholarship. This is a brilliant opportunity and I want to encourage as many Somalis as possible to compete for this life-changing experience.

We are looking for future leaders, people with talent and ambition who want to make Somalia the best it can be, and who we can support by giving them a world-class education. If you are someone who is passionate about driving change, whether on a local or global scale, I would encourage you to apply.

In September this year, 14 Somali scholars will depart the country to undertake their Chevening award for a one-year Master's Degree in universities across the UK. Since its establishment in Somalia, almost 100 Somalis have benefitted from the scholarship.

This year, the UK has also partnered with Hormuud Salaam Foundation in Somalia and Premier Bank in Somaliland. Through these partnerships, future Somali leaders are able to realise their potential and work to build a better, brighter, more prosperous future for Somalia.

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