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Exceptions at and above Pay Band 2 (Approved 1 August 2026 - 31 August 2026)

Exceptions at and above the SCS Pay Band 2 level require the prior approval of the Commission. This page provides details of exceptions approved by the Commission at or above the SCS Pay Band 2 threshold (or equivalent) during August 2026. This data is published once a month.

Exception rules are outlined in the Recruitment Principles (Page 11). Secondments (Exception 3) are counted as exceptions even if a fair, open and merit-based competition has taken place to identify the appointee.

Date approved	Department	Payband[1]	Job title	Exception used	Approval length	Name
14/08/2026	Department of Health and Social Care	PB2	Clinical Co-Chair, Implementation Steering Group for Organ Utilisation	Exception 3 - Secondments	7 months **extension to existing appointment*	John Forsythe
20/08/2026	Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	PB2	Certification Specialist	Exception 3 - Secondments	7 months **extension to existing appointment*	Richard Trevorah
24/08/2026	Government Legal Department	PB2	Knowledge Systems Project Manager	Exception 3 - Secondments	7 months	Philina Toiny

[1] Meaning either the salary at which the individual is paid at and/or grade of the role the individual was appointed to.

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26/08/2026	HM Treasury	PB2	Military Advisor to the Chancellor	Exception 3 - Secondments	2 years	David Charles Groce
27/08/2026	UK Health Security Agency	PB3	Interim Chief Scientific Officer	Exception 3 - Secondments	3 months **extension to existing appointment*	Robin May
28/08/2026	Competition and Markets Authority	PB2	Economic Adviser	Exception 3 - Secondments	6 months	Martina Colloricchio
28/08/2026	Department of Health and Social Care	PB2	Deputy Director for Commercial Delivery and Performance	Exception 3 - Secondments	7 months	Sarah Coldrake