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Temporary Staff Moves - Brexit

The following VAT treatment has been agreed with HMRC.

Background

Government departments have been asked to support other government departments with their No Deal exit work by temporarily loaning staff to them.

Sending departments will (by de-prioritising or pausing other work) free up staff to deploy to Brexit work. Deployment is to be funded from within existing department budgets and there will be no re-charging or budget transfers between departments for deployments of up to 6 months in duration. Staff will be classed as 'on loan' and whilst doing Brexit work, control of the work and workflows will come from the receiving government department.

VAT Treatment

As the cost is being borne by the government department employing the staff and there is no consideration (i.e. charges between departments, reimbursement of costs, or budget transfer), there is **no supply for VAT purposes**.

If, there is a subsequent re-charge (possibly for deployments that go over 6 months or for additional overtime / shifts) then VAT will apply to these re-charges.

If you have any questions on the above, please get in touch with the TCoE tax team: [TCoE Tax Team](#)

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