

Scheme Comparison – June 2021

	Afghan Locally Employed Staff (LES) – relocation schemes	Vulnerable Persons and Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Schemes
Scheme Type/Focus	Relocation	Resettlement
Primary Nationally	Afghan nationals	Syrian nationals
PRA Language	English / Dari	Arabic / Kurdish
Support Period	4-month integration support package that includes helping arrivals to access education places for children, health services and access to mainstream benefits.	Five years. Assigned caseworker to every resettled family or individual who maintains close contact with the family for the first 12 months to support their well-being and integration. Years 2 – 5, LA's determine the best use of funding claimed to support refugees in their journey towards integration and self-sufficiency.
Funding	Set-up and void Costs (lump sum): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,250 pp • £1,425 pp (couples) • £2,850 singles 	Integration (lump sum): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £4,500 pp • £6,000 pp (couples) • £7,500 singles
Immigration Status	LES who meet the eligibility criteria will be offered a relocation package, which provides the opportunity to apply for limited leave to enter the UK under Part 7 of the Immigration Rules. Successful applicants will receive a UK visa which grants 5 years limited leave to enter the UK, and an opportunity to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain at the end of that 5-year period.	Individuals resettled through the VPRS and VCRS since July 2017 have been granted five years' refugee leave on arrival. Those resettled before July 2017 were granted five years' Humanitarian Protection (HP). Opportunity to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain at the end of that 5-year period.
Eligible to claim benefit	LES are not eligible for benefits until they can satisfy the Habitual Residency Test set by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) which can take up to 3 months, so the local authority supports those who arrive under the relocation schemes for up to 4 months.	Resettled individuals have an immediate right to work and access to mainstream welfare benefits, dependant on their circumstances and whether they meet the relevant Department for Work and Pensions criteria for the specific benefit for which they are applying.

Eligible to work	Yes, once issued with a biometric residence permit number	
Rent	£15 per person, per day (up to 4 months)	Housing Benefit
Cash Support	Weekly cash support rates (up to four months): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single (under 25) - £58.90 • Single (25 or over) - £74.35 • Couples - £117.10 • Children (under 18) - £37.75 	Initial cash allowance for each Refugee of £200/£300 (this is to ensure they have sufficient funds to live on while their claim for benefits is being processed)
English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) funding	None	£850 per adult
Education funding	None	Children (5-18) £4,500 / Children (3-4) £2,250 (lump sum)
Eligible for exceptional costs from Home Office (e.g. complex cases)	No	Yes
Considered suitable for Community Sponsorship	No	Yes