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## Security Vetting FAQ's

### **What are the requirements for National Security Vetting (NSV) security clearance?**

Between 3-10 years UK residency depending on the level of clearance (CTC 3 years, SC 5 years, DV 10 years), over 16 years of age and a valid requirement for the clearance.

### **Why do ADS ask for a Ministry of Defence (MOD) contract number?**

As an organization with Facility Security Clearance (previously known as List X), this gives us the rights to sponsor clearances through the MOD without needing the approval from anyone inside the MOD. These clearances cost the MOD money and as such, they need to confirm there is a genuine requirement for the clearance so we must supply a valid contract number which has a clearance requirement when we submit your application otherwise the MOD will refuse it.

### **I'm not working on a MOD contract, can I have/keep my clearance?**

You cannot keep your clearance with the MOD as you need to be working on a valid contract. However, we can assist in transferring this clearance over to Warwickshire Police to remain valid with them. It is against Cabinet Office policy to hold a security clearance when it isn't being used. Holding a clearance when it isn't being used can lead to punishment against the individual and the sponsoring organisation.

### **I'm working with other Government departments; can ADS get me an SC with them?**

We can only sponsor clearances through the MOD and Warwickshire Police. If you have work with either MOD and/or Warwickshire Police and another Government department, we can process your clearance through either the MOD or Warwickshire Police and the other Government department can request a share of the clearance from us.

### **What levels of NSV do ADS sponsor?**

With the MOD, we offer to sponsor all levels of NSV (CTC, SC, eSC, DV & eDV). With Warwickshire Police, we offer to sponsor NPPV & NPPV3 + SC level clearances.

### **How long does the NSV process take?**

Every clearance application is unique so there is no set timeframe. As a rough guideline, CTC, SC, eSC, NPPV3 & NPPV3 + SC take around 3 months. DV and eDV take around 6 months.

### **Can you give me an update on my clearance process and how much longer it will take?**



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No. We can only see the same information as you on the portal. If your status shows as “In Progress” this is all we see as well, and it is all UKSV will tell you or us if they are contacted. Please do not chase us for updates as we cannot provide them.

**How long do NSV’s last for?**

CTC, SC & eSC will last for 5 years. DV & eDV will last for 3 years for the first time and then 5 years from then on. Occasionally they are granted for 7 years but this is at the discretion of UKSV. NPPV3 & NPPV3 + SC clearances will last for 7 years.

**Can you provide me with my full clearance details?**

No, we can supply the full clearance details to another organisation with Facility Security Clearance. We can confirm your clearance and supply your granted and expiry dates to you.

**Can ADS do pre-employment checks for us?**

No, we only offer to complete checks if a person is going for NSV level clearance.

**Can we have a regular call with vetting for updates?**

We are happy to arrange the occasional update call but please do not request these too often otherwise it will take away time for processing applications.

**Can I talk to someone about my requirements/I need advice on NSV?**

Yes, please get in contact with Paul Williams, the ADS Security Controller, who will be happy to help. Paul can be contacted on [paul.williams@adsgroup.org.uk](mailto:paul.williams@adsgroup.org.uk)