

How can I find out more information about the MASO?

You can get more information from CEAS or from SCE's Pupil and Family Services Team.

Useful weblinks

CEAS

www.gov.uk/childrens-education-advisory-service

SCE

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/service-childrens-education>

PIP

www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-information-profile-for-military-service-children

Pupil & Family Services Teams:

Cyprus & the Rest of the World

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Service Children's Education
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Fallingbostel

Pupil & Family Services
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MOD ASSESSMENT OF SUPPORTABILITY OVERSEAS (MASO)

Information for parents

The MASO replaces the Special Educational Needs (SEN) enquiry process which has operated for many years as directed in JSP 342 and AGA1 108.

What is a MASO?

The MASO is a process for assessing whether all the help required for a child with additional needs is available in an overseas command. The MASO also gives education, health and social care teams time to prepare for the child's arrival.

Who is the MASO for?

The MASO is for any child who

- has support in a school or setting because of special needs or a disability
- has current involvement from other agencies such as health or social care
- has an Education Health Care (EHC) Plan, a Statement of Special Educational Needs or a Coordinated Support Plan.

How do I start the MASO process?

You should register your child with the Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS) and send them copies of all the recent reports on your child. CEAS will forward the information to the relevant overseas school.

Who is involved in the MASO?

Apart from the overseas school, the MASO will involve professionals from education, health and social care with similar responsibilities to those working with your child in the UK.

This will usually include:

Education staff: Head of the school or setting; the Educational Psychologist

Health services: GP, Child Health team, Child and Adolescent **Mental Health;** Speech and Language Therapy

Social care: if they are currently involved with your child; the Chain of Command.

What information is needed to carry out the MASO?

The most recent reports and assessments from your child's school and any other professionals who are working with your child. If you know which school your child is likely to attend overseas you should also request that your child's current school sends a copy of the Pupil Information Profile (PIP) plus the most recent reports to the overseas school.

Who makes the decision about the MASO?

The professionals overseas will consider the reports you have provided about your child and advise the Chain of Command whether his/her needs can be met overseas. The Chain of command will notify you of the outcome of the process.

How long will the MASO take?

A MASO can take up to 9 weeks to complete so it is important to begin the process as soon as you know that you may be posted.

Please note: You should not proceed with your posting until you have heard the outcome of the process.

How can I find out what services are available overseas?

Each overseas command will publish a command offer which describes the range of services available in each command for children with special needs or disabilities.

Additionally, Service Children's Education (SCE) schools publish their SEN offer on their individual websites.

What if the right help is not available?

You will be informed if any services needed by your child are not available overseas and advised whether you should proceed with your posting.

What if I am not happy with the decision?

You have the right to appeal the decision of any individual service (health, education or social care) that is unable to provide support from within its locally available resources. This should be pursued through the individual service's complaints procedure.

Are many families advised not to move overseas?

Most families will get a positive outcome from the MASO process. Early knowledge of your child's needs will help services to prepare for your child's arrival overseas and ensure continuity of education, health and social care provision. You will only be advised not to take up an overseas posting when there is clear evidence that the resources to meet your child's essential needs cannot be made available overseas.

