

Front runners in UK leadership race

Contenders to succeed Boris Johnson as British prime minister must secure the backing of 120 MPs to reach the final shortlist of two candidates

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■ **Jul 18-21:** Shortlist of two decided after fellow MPs eliminate three of five remaining candidates

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■ **Jul-Sep:** Final two candidates put to postal vote of Tory party members
■ **Sep 5:** Leader elected



Rishi Sunak, 42:
Former Chancellor

■ **Tax:** Pledge to cut taxes once inflation – which hit 40-year high of **9.1%** in May – is under control

■ **Immigration:** Britain must control its borders. Supports plan to deport asylum seekers to Rwanda

■ **Cost of living:** As finance minister Sunak handed out **£37 billion** to combat rising costs

■ **Brexit:** Voted Leave



Penny Mordaunt, 49:
Trade Minister

■ **Tax:** Pledges to slash VAT on fuel by **50%** and raise tax thresholds for basic and middle-income earners

■ **Immigration:** Crack down on people smugglers. Supports plan to deport asylum seekers to Rwanda

■ **Cost of living:** Focus on getting inflation under control, working closely with central bank

■ **Brexit:** Voted Leave



Liz Truss, 46: Foreign Secretary

■ **Tax:** Pledge to immediately cut taxes and reverse recent rise in social security contributions

■ **Immigration:** As Foreign Secretary she was member of Johnson cabinet that approved Rwanda plan

■ **Russia:** Sanctions should continue until full withdrawal from Ukraine

■ **Brexit:** Voted Remain