

Short contest to replace UK's Truss

A fast-tracked Conservative leadership election will decide who replaces Liz Truss to become the UK's third prime minister in two months

POSSIBLE CONTENDERS



1 Rishi Sunak: Former finance minister, guided UK economy through Covid-19 pandemic

2 Penny Mordaunt: Leader of Commons, became UK's first female defence secretary in 2019

3 Suella Braverman: Former Home Secretary, was attorney general in Johnson's government

4 Boris Johnson: Former prime minister, resigned in July after mass revolt by ministers and MPs

OCT 24

Nominations close at 13:00GMT

Candidates need support of at least 100 Conservative members of parliament to proceed to ballot



If only one person reaches 100 threshold, he or she automatically becomes prime minister

FIRST BALLOT

If more than two candidates go through, MPs vote between 14:30 and 16:30, with results declared at 17:00. **Person with fewest votes eliminated**



SECOND BALLOT

When two candidates are left, Tory MPs vote to indicate who they prefer – so-called “indicative vote”. **Party members given result at 20:00**

Online ballot of around 170,000 Tory party members chooses between final two candidates

OCT 28, 10:00GMT – Ballot closes. Result announced later that day