

## South Central Ambulance Service testimonials



Hi my name is Olivia and I moved from Brisbane to Oxford in July to join South Central Ambulance Service.

I have always wanted to move to England since the beginning of my university journey and Oxford has been on my bucket list. SCAS stood out to me due to the wide range of areas included with places to work and the opportunities that SCAS was providing. I am pinching myself every day that I was lucky enough to land a career exactly where I have wanted for years.

I would highly recommend SCAS, everyone has been very welcoming, and the support provided has been amazing to settle all of us into the new English lifestyle.

My standout moment has been the people, staff at Oxford city have welcomed us in and included us from day 1. I can say on behalf of all the Australians who have moved over here with me that Oxford and SCAS is a lovely place to work. Being able to travel to different countries so close to home is also a big plus 😊



Hi, my name is Reuben and myself and my wife left our families in little ol' Tasmania, Australia in June to join SCAS. We are currently living in High Wycombe, and I am stationed at Wexham Park Resource Centre, Slough.

There were two key factors that piqued my interest for coming to work in the UK and for SCAS. These being the exceptional work experience and the seemingly 'unlimited' life experience

that comes with living and working in Europe. Compared with Australia, the sheer size of the English population crammed into such dense areas means the level of exposure and subsequently work experienced gained as a newly qualified Paramedic in SCAS is unparalleled. I knew if I wanted to make a rapid beginning to my career, making the move to SCAS would be immensely beneficial. The 'unlimited' life experience I mentioned relates to the idea of moving to a different country that is so diverse and picturesque, while also being so geographically close to the dream holiday destinations you dream of as an Aussie, these being France, Scotland and wherever else in Europe you want to go. Working for SCAS, you are ideally situated to fit in trips to 'see all the sights' around your shift rota.

SCAS have been incredibly supportive to myself, my cohort of Aussies and Kiwis, and I've seen that same support shown to the second Australian/New Zealand intake that arrived after us. Whether that be providing initial accommodation, temporary cars for personal use or even just helping some in our cohort put beds together or helping with car insurance, the team at SCAS go above and beyond to help make you feel at home. So, in saying that, I completely recommend SCAS for all those Paramedics recently graduated who wish to work in a progressive and supportive service with the comfort of knowing you will be assisted from the moment you find out you got the job, to the un-ending future you may have with SCAS.

My standout moment since being in the UK was my first shift on road as the lead clinician. Having finished my third manning and preceptor shifts, this day was my first day at finally being the boss. Although I was terrified and barely could utter a "you alright" greeting to my crew mate, it has still been my standout moment. The feeling of being able to say, yep, I've graduated, made it to this country, survived assimilating into a demanding but rewarding job, and now being the one to call the shots on the Ambulance brings a feeling of satisfaction unlike any other.