

Covid-19 Support For Businesses

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses>

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<u>Key Support Item</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>When</u>
12 Month Business Rates Holiday For The 2020 - 2021 Tax Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available For Retail, Hospitality & Leisure businesses 	No rates bills raised and no payments taken	Immediate
Cash Grants For Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £10,000 grant for businesses with rateable value less than £15,000 £25,000 grant for businesses with rateable value between £15,001 and £51,000 Available on a per property basis 	Local authority will confirm the grant to eligible businesses	No confirmed dates yet however indication that in the next 2-3 weeks
Support For Business That Pay Little Or No Rates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £10,000 grant for any business (regardless of sector) that are subject to the small business rate relief, rural rate relief and tapered relief 	Local authority will confirm the grant to eligible businesses	No confirmed dates yet however indication that in the next 2-3 weeks
Job Retention Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies to all UK eligible businesses Designate affected employees as ‘furloughed workers’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to employment law for this definition of worker May be subject to negotiation HMRC reimburse the employer 80% of furloughed workers wage costs, up to a cap of £2,500 per month Employee pays PAYE & NIC as normal on new earnings level Directors may qualify for any earnings they receive via PAYE 	HMRC are working to set up a system to facilitate the reimbursement. Once known we’ll work with the payroll software providers to see what we need to do to implement this	No confirmed dates yet but indication that trying to implement for the April payroll. Reimbursement is assumed to be following the payroll payments but again details on how long are unknown

<p>VAT Deferrment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any VAT payments due between 20 March 2020 and 30 June 2020 will be deferred until the end of the 2020 - 2021 tax year Applies to quarterly and annual scheme payments VAT reclaims will be assessed by HMRC in the usual manner and are not expected to be delayed 	<p>Automatic implementation with no requirement to notify or apply</p> <p>Opt in to the deferral simply by not making VAT payments due in this period, and cancelling any direct debits to HMRC you have.</p>	<p>Immediate</p>
<p>Income Tax Self-Assessment Deferrment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any payments due on the 31 July 2020 will be deferred until 31 January 2021 	<p>Automatic implementation with no requirement to notify or apply</p>	<p>Immediate</p>
<p>Business Tax Time To Pay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any business or self-employed people in financial distress with outstanding tax liabilities may be able to arrange a Time To Pay service 	<p>Contact HMRC's dedicated helpline on 0800 0159 559 stating you might miss your next payment or can't make an existing payment due to COVID-19</p>	<p>Immediate</p>
<p>Business Interruption Loan Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loans of upto £5 million 12 months interest free and possibly (lender dependant) capital payment holidays Expect will revert to variable rates at the end of this period No arrangement fees Unsecured loans up to £250,000 at the discretion of the lender Above £250,000 security but Primary Residential Property cannot be taken Note : The lender has a 80% guarantee from the government. The borrower remains 100% liable for the debt <p><u>Some Lenders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upto £100,000 unsecured £100,001 to £250,000 possible debenture required <p>Please see the British Business Bank document link on our website for further details https://www.fabgroupco.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Gov_loan_scheme_for_SMEs_guidance.pdf</p>	<p>Eligible If</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK based with turnover less than £45 million per year Business meets other British Business Bank criteria 	<p>The 40 lenders eligible to access this loan have been briefed on 23 March 2020 and therefore applications can start to be made. Indications are that loans could take 1-4 weeks to arrange depending on scale and complexity</p>



<p>Support for Self Employed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies to all self employed businesses / people with trading profits up to a maximum of £50,000 per year and whose majority of income is from self employment • Grant that will pay 80% of average monthly profits from self employment up to a maximum grant of £2,500 per month for a total of 3 months. (Average monthly profits based on last 3 years tax returns or less if not trading for 3 years). • To qualify you have to have a tax return filed for 2019. (Anyone who hasn't filed a tax return yet for the 2019 tax year has been given a 4 week extension to file one 	<p>HMRC will contact individuals on a case by case basis</p>	<p>No confirmed dates yet however indication that it will be the beginning of June</p> <p>The grant will be paid as a one off payment that covers all months in total</p>
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