

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Businesses and Employers Bulletin

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This bulletin is issued by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and provides information for employers and businesses on Coronavirus (COVID-19). All guidance, information and announcements can be found at [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk). Organisations should pay particular attention to the [guidance for employees, employers and businesses](#) which is being updated regularly with the latest advice.

The UK Government is supporting businesses and their employees through a package of measures during this period of unprecedented disruption. The [Business Support website](#) helps businesses find the right support, advice and information to help with the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the [support measures that are available](#). This website will continue to be updated as information becomes available. Some aspects of business support are devolved. Specific information for businesses and employers in [Northern Ireland](#), [Scotland](#), and [Wales](#) is available.

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Local advice and support for Business

Growth hubs are local public/private sector partnerships backed by the Government, led and governed by Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs).

The network of 38 Growth Hubs across England provide a free to use, impartial and local single point of contact to all businesses, so that they can access the right advice and support when they need it. The hubs can advise businesses on local and national business support - **including schemes put in place to help businesses through the current Covid 19 situation** - and help businesses build their resilience. Businesses can find their local Growth Hub [here](#).

Missed a previous bulletin?

The [Business Support website](#) now hosts an archive of all our previous Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Businesses and Employers Bulletins from 11 March 2020. If you are a new subscriber, or want to revisit information from a previous bulletin, you can find them all [here](#).

Please note the information was accurate on each date it was published and will not be updated in the future. The latest information will be in each daily bulletin or [found here on the website](#).

New Updates and Guidance

New

Coronavirus (COVID-19): business support grant funding - guidance for businesses

[Guidance](#) for businesses setting out details of the Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund (RHLGF).

Business Secretary's statement on coronavirus (COVID-19): 1 April 2020

Business Secretary Alok Sharma gave the 1 April 2020 daily press briefing on the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Find the statement [here](#).

Slides and datasets to accompany coronavirus press conference: 1 April 2020

[Press conference slides](#) and datasets used by The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): information for farmers, landowners and rural businesses

The [latest information](#) for farmers, landowners and rural businesses during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Read this page for regular updates.

Help and support if your business is affected by coronavirus (COVID-19)

Guidance produced by HMRC. Watch a video and register for the free webinar to learn more about the support available to help you deal with the economic impacts of coronavirus. Find more information [here](#).

Coronavirus (COVID-19): notification of data controllers to share information

[Notification](#) of data controllers in healthcare organisations, GPs, local authorities and arm's length bodies that they should share information to support efforts against coronavirus (COVID-19).

Exceptional good distribution practice (GDP) flexibilities for medicines during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

[Guidance](#) for industry on flexible approaches we are taking on good distribution practices.

Moving goods through customs during the coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Find out](#) about moving goods and clearing customs during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Customs authorisations during the coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Find out](#) about temporary changes to customs policy and authorisations to assist businesses during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Updates

Producing hand sanitiser and gel for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Temporary changes to the use and supply of denatured alcohol and duty-free spirits, to help businesses who produce hand sanitiser and gel. [Information has been updated](#) about requirements that must be followed to make sure sanitiser products are safe to use.

Requests for Business Intelligence and Assistance

Can your business offer coronavirus (COVID-19) support?

UK Government is looking for businesses who can offer support in the multiple areas and has set up an online tool where businesses can register. To find the list of areas and offer support click [here](#).

Business Intelligence: share the impact Coronavirus is having on your organisation

We welcome information from businesses on impacts across supply, demand and labour markets, actions to address these impacts, and any gaps in the Government response from your perspective. Please send your intelligence to intel@beis.gov.uk. We are aware that individual company information may be commercially sensitive, and it will be treated accordingly. Please note that this inbox is only for receiving intelligence and does not provide business advice.