

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Businesses and Employers Bulletin - 1 May 2020

This bulletin is issued by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and provides the latest information for employers and businesses on coronavirus (COVID-19). All coronavirus business support information can be found at [gov.uk/business-support](https://www.gov.uk/business-support)

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New Webinar: Managing your business during coronavirus: reporting, regulations and tax

[Register to join](#) this online webinar at 11am on Thursday 7 May to find out more about managing your business during coronavirus with guidance on reporting, regulations and tax. The webinar will cover:

- Right to work checks
- Filing reports and accounts
- Tax - Time to Pay scheme

You will have the opportunity to ask questions during the webinar.

Webinars to support your business

Government departments are hosting a series of free webinars to help businesses understand the support available including:

- Tuesday 5 May - [Financial support for small businesses during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Wednesday 6 May - [COVID-19: Impacts and changes to International Trade](#)
- Thursday 7 May - [Managing your business during coronavirus: reporting, regulations and tax](#)
- Multiple dates - [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme – How to make a claim](#)
- Multiple dates - [Coronavirus COVID-19 Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme](#)

Keep up to date with all the latest available webinars [here](#).

Supporting your employees during coronavirus: domestic abuse

The order to stay at home can cause anxiety for those who are experiencing or feel at risk of domestic abuse. As an employer, you can play an important role in reassuring staff that they can still leave their home if they are experiencing domestic abuse and that there is still support available, including online support, helplines, refuges and the police. We encourage you to

share this important message with staff using the information provided in the [Home Office's employer pack](#).

New Updates and Guidance

New

Treasury cut taxes to reduce PPE costs

From 1 May 2020, PPE purchased by care homes, businesses, charities and individuals to protect against COVID-19 will be free from VAT for a three-month period. Find further information [here](#).

Seasonal work on farms: guidance for workers

The type of seasonal work you can do on farms, who can apply, and where you can find work. Find out more [here](#).

Coronavirus (COVID-19): letter to the energy sector

[Letter](#) from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Alok Sharma, to the UK's energy sector.

Government to safeguard Great Britain-Northern Ireland air links

Investment will protect air passenger flights for important routes between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Find out more [here](#).

Prime Minister's [statement](#) and [slides](#) on coronavirus (COVID-19): 30 April 2020

Updates

Personal protective equipment (PPE): export control process

[Information](#) for economic operators who will temporarily need a licence to export PPE outside the EU, EFTA member states and certain other territories. The 3 attachments on this page have been updated to reflect the revised EU regulations. The attachments are: 'Personal protective equipment (PPE): export control process', 'Application form' and 'Notification form'.

Destroying spoilt beer, cider, wine or made-wine during coronavirus (COVID-19)

Find out about temporary changes to the destruction of spoilt beer, cider, wine or made-wine if you're a brewer, cider producer, wine maker or publican. [Amended temporary measures](#) to include cider, wine or made-wine in addition to beer. This includes advice to cider producers and wine and made-wine makers in addition to brewers and publicans.

Requests for Business Intelligence and Assistance

Offer coronavirus support

Tell us how your business might be able to help with the response to coronavirus by using our [online service](#).

Share the impact coronavirus is having on your organisation

Let us know how the outbreak is impacting your business. Please send your intelligence to intel@beis.gov.uk. Commercially sensitive information will be treated accordingly. Please note that this inbox is only for receiving intelligence and does not provide business advice.

Other useful links

Some aspects of business support are devolved. Specific information for businesses and employers in [Northern Ireland](#), [Scotland](#), and [Wales](#) is available. In England, [Growth Hubs](#) can advise on local and UK Government business support.