

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Businesses and Employers Bulletin - 7 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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### Business rates revaluation postponed

A [revaluation of business rates](#) will no longer take place in 2021 to help reduce uncertainty for firms affected by the impacts of coronavirus.

The Government is continuing work on the fundamental review of business rates, with the key aims of reducing the overall burden on businesses, improving the current business rates system, and considering more fundamental changes in the medium-to-long term. The call for evidence for the review will be published in the coming months.

### Webinar Recording: Financial support for small businesses during coronavirus

You can now review individual topics from our webinar on financial support for small businesses during coronavirus.

- [Tax deferral](#)
- [Loans for small businesses](#)
- [Business support grant funds](#)
- [Support for wages](#)

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

- 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](#).

### New Updates and Guidance

**New**

## **Guidance for businesses seeking to help voluntary, community, and social enterprise organisations during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak**

How businesses can offer services, funds and volunteers to civil society during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Find out more information [here](#).

### **Dedicated app for social care workers has launched**

A new dedicated app for the adult social care workforce in England has been launched to support staff through the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Find out more [here](#).

### **Actions for Higher Education (HE) providers during the coronavirus outbreak**

[Information is available](#) for HE providers on the Government support package available for universities and students, the process for clearing and student numbers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

### **Ministers urge councils to plan for safe re-opening of recycling centres**

The Government has published [new guidance](#) on how recycling centres can be safely re-opened during the coronavirus outbreak.

### **New funding to support dairy farmers through coronavirus**

A [new fund](#) will enable dairy farmers in England to access up to £10,000 each to help them overcome the impact of the coronavirus outbreak.

### **Update on Fisheries Response Fund: support for aquaculture businesses**

[Update](#) on the support for aquaculture businesses under the Fisheries Response Fund.

### **Over 69,000 loans approved in the first day of the Bounce Back Loan Scheme**

More than 69,000 Bounce Back Loans worth over £2 billion have been approved during the first 24 hours of the scheme, the Chancellor has announced. Find out more [here](#).

## **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. [Updated](#) with removed notification form, clarified the date the changes came into force and added a link to the EU's updated FAQ.

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## **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](#).

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## Help us shine a light on the stories of key workers

Tell us about key workers you know that are helping to keep the UK moving during the Coronavirus pandemic. Please fill in [this online form](#) for key workers in the following sectors: manufacturing, construction, consumer goods, scientists/researchers, servicing, postal workers, and oil/gas/electricity/water/sewage/chemical workers.

## 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.

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