

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Businesses and Employers Bulletin – 11 August 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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Coronavirus (COVID-19) business support webinars

As part of the UK government's commitment to supporting businesses and self-employed through the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, HMRC have developed new webinars on the following topics.

- **Extension to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and flexible furloughing webinar** – available on Wednesday 12 August 2:15-3:15, Thursday 13 August 09:45-10:45 and Friday 14 August 2:15 – 3:15. Register [here](#).
- **Eat out to help out scheme webinar** – Wednesday 12 August 3:45-4:40. Register [here](#).
- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Self-Employment Income Support Scheme, Universal Credit and Child Benefit webinar** – Tuesday 18 August 2:15-3:00, Wednesday 19 August 3:45-4:30, Thursday 20 August 11:15-12:00 and Friday 21 August 09:45-10:30. Register [here](#).
- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme webinar** – Thursday 20 August 12:45-1:30. Register [here](#).

Eight reasons to Shop Local this week to help the high street bounce back

The UK Government is running a **#ShopLocal week** this week, as part of its **#EnjoySummerSafely** campaign. The week aims to celebrate the British high street – encouraging customers to come back to their safe local shops, supporting the local economy and local jobs. Please do look out for content on the BEIS [social media channels](#). Please also consider posting yourself about #ShopLocal week, and BEIS will look to amplify some of the best content. Further information about the week is available [here](#).

To help kick off Shop Local Week, [here](#) are eight reasons why people should visit the high street.

New Updates and Guidance

NEW Guidance

North of England: local restrictions

An outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been identified in parts of Greater Manchester, East Lancashire, Preston, and West Yorkshire. The UK government and relevant local authorities are acting together to control the spread of the virus.

- Those in the affected areas must not meet people they do not live with inside a private home or garden, except where they have formed a support bubble (or for other limited exemptions to be specified in law);

- Visit someone else's home or garden even if they live outside of the affected areas;
- All businesses and venues which were required to remain closed before 31 July in both Blackburn with Darwen and in Bradford, must continue to remain closed to members of the public.

Find out more [here](#).

Brunei and Malaysia added to travel corridor list

From 4am on Tuesday 11 August 2020, passengers arriving to England from these destinations will no longer need to self-isolate, so long as they haven't been in, or transited through, any other non-exempt countries in the 14 days preceding their arrival. More information can be found [here](#).

Andorra, Belgium and The Bahamas have been removed from travel corridors list

People arriving in England from Andorra, Belgium and The Bahamas will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks as the countries are [removed from the travel exemptions list](#). The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has also [updated its travel advice](#) to advise against all but essential travel to Andorra, Belgium and The Bahamas.

Employer guide to results for regulated qualifications: summer 2020

A new guide for employers about qualification results in England this summer is [available](#).

Supported living services during coronavirus

[New guidance](#) for providers of supported living settings is available.

Companies House to resume the compulsory strike off process

From 10 October 2020, Companies House will resume the process to strike off companies they believe are no longer carrying on business or in operation. From this date, they will resume the [process to remove a company from the register](#) if there's reasonable cause to believe it's no longer carrying on business or in operation. Find out more [here](#).

UPDATED Guidance

Claim money back through the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme

The claims service for the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme is [now live](#). A video on how to make a claim is available [here](#).

Hotels and other guest accommodation

Working safely during coronavirus guidance has been updated to include [guidance on local restrictions for accommodation providers](#).

Overtime and the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Guidance on calculating how much you can claim using the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme has [been updated](#) with a new section on how to calculate your claim for fixed pay

employees who have worked enough overtime (in the tax year 2019 to 2020) to have a significant impact on the amount you need to claim.

Fund to support dairy farmers in England: application deadline extended

The application deadline for the Dairy Response Fund is extended to **midnight on 11 September 2020**. This gives eligible farmers more time to [apply for a single payment from the fund](#).

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. You can also find helpful business case studies and other useful information on the [Coronavirus Business Support Blog](#).