

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Businesses and Employers Bulletin – 6 November 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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Furlough Scheme Extended and Further Economic Support Announced

The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced on Thursday 5 November 2020, [the extension to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme \(CJRS\)](#), also known as the ‘furlough scheme’, to the 31 March 2021. For claim periods running to January 2021, employees will receive 80% of their usual salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2,500 per month. The policy will be reviewed in January to decide whether economic circumstances are improving enough to ask employers to contribute more. The Job Support Scheme is postponed.

For more information, click [here](#).

Check to see the updates on:

- [Which employees](#) you can put on furlough to use the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme
- [If you can claim for your employees’ wages](#) using the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme
- What [steps you need to take](#) before calculating your claim
- [Find out how much you can claim](#).
- For information on claiming for wages through the scheme click [here](#).

Guidance for the self-employed

The Self-Employment Income Support Scheme grant extension, that provides critical support to the self-employed in the form of grants, has been extended and made available for 3-month periods covering November 2020 to January 2021 and February 2021 to April 2021. The grants will increase from 55% to 80% of average profits - up to £7,500. For more information about the scheme click [here](#).

Guidance to clarify the eligibility conditions for Universal Credit and New Style Employment and Support Allowance, to add Pension Credit, New Style Jobseeker's Allowance and the Test and Trace Support Payment as other financial help that can be claimed, is available [here](#).

Investment in green recovery

The government are investing £134 million in UK businesses to support innovative green businesses during the coronavirus pandemic and to encourage a green recovery. For more information, click [here](#).

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THERE ARE DEFINITE ACTIONS
BUSINESS SHOULD TAKE NOW

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The UK Transition: time is running out

With just 56 days to go until the UK's new start, attend one of our sector specific webinars to help prepare your business.

- **Providing services in the EU: professional qualifications, audit and accounting, and legal services - 11am, Wednesday 11 November**, and then on demand – [register here](#).
- **Chemical regulations - 11am, Thursday 12 November**, and then on demand – [register here](#).
- **Using personal data from 1 January 2021 – 11am, Wednesday 18 November**, and the on demand – [register here](#).

Watch other sector specific webinars on demand [here](#) and register for all transition webinars [here](#).
For the latest transition information direct to your inbox, sign up to the Transition Readiness Business Bulletin [here](#).

Updated Guidance

Guidance on closing certain businesses and venues in England: For an updated list of business venues which must close or operate on a restricted basis (e.g., takeaway only) during lockdown in England can be found [here](#).

Guidance for venues: If your venue can stay open during the national restrictions put in place on 5 November 2020 in England, you must follow the guidance on maintaining records of staff, customers and visitors in order to support NHS Test and Trace. For more information, click [here](#).

Guidance for food businesses: Guidance for food businesses in England on how they operate during Covid has been updated to reflect the national restrictions in place from 5 November. Click [here](#) for further information.

Guidance for aviation: Further guidance on Safer travel and working principles for airports and aviation operators in light of England's national restrictions in place from 5 November is available [here](#).

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](#).