

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Businesses and Employers Bulletin – 30 December 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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### Formal tiering review update: 30 December 2020

From the beginning of Thursday 31 December 2020, the Midlands, North East, parts of the North West and parts of the South West are among those escalated to Tier 4, with almost all remaining areas escalated to Tier 3.

For the full list of local authority areas moving to Tiers 3 and 4 and for more information, please click [here](#).

The full list of local restriction tiers by area is available [here](#).

You can check to see what tier your local area is in by clicking [here](#).

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### Tier 4: Stay at Home

Guidance has been updated to explain what you can and cannot do in areas with a very rapidly rising level of infections, where tighter restrictions are in place.

Updates include: updates to clarify 'Work and volunteering'; under 'Travelling to a Tier 4 area from a Tier 1, 2 or 3 area', added a legally permitted reason to travel: 'to provide emergency assistance, and to avoid injury or illness, or to escape a risk of harm (such as domestic abuse)' and 'Where necessary, you can travel through a tier 3 and tier 4 areas as a part of a longer journey'. For more information, click [here](#).

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### Support for business

Coronavirus (COVID-19) support is available to employers and the self-employed, including sole traders and limited company directors. You may be eligible for loans, tax relief and cash grants, whether your business is open or closed.

Find out what coronavirus financial support is available for your business [here](#).

A full list of financial support measures for businesses during coronavirus is available [here](#).

**Coronavirus Local Restrictions Support Grant (for closed businesses):** The Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG (Closed)) supports businesses that have been required to close due to temporary local restrictions. Businesses that were open as usual and were then required to close due to local Tier 2 or Tier 3 restrictions may be eligible for LRSG (Closed). All Tier 4 businesses required to close will be eligible for grants of up to £1,500 for each 14-

day period of closure. Grants will be administered by local authorities. For more information, click [here](#).

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## Updated guidance

**Closing certain businesses and venues in England:** Guidance has been updated concerning business and venue closures in England. This guidance sets out restrictions on certain businesses and venues in England under the different local COVID alert levels and includes rules about business closures in England in tier 4. For more information, click [here](#)

**Enabling safe and effective volunteering during coronavirus (COVID-19):** Guidance has been updated to reflect the addition of tier 4 regulations to assist organisations and groups to understand how to safely and effectively involve volunteers during the pandemic. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19): letters to the construction sector, November and December 2020:** Further correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business, Alok Sharma, to those working in the construction sector and its supply chain. For more information, click [here](#).

**Coronavirus (COVID-19): letters to the manufacturing sector, November and December 2020:** Further correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business, Alok Sharma, to those working in the manufacturing sector and its supply chain. For more information, click [here](#)

**Coronavirus (COVID-19): HGV operators and drivers crossing an international border:** Guidance for operators, drivers and crew of HGVs on crossing an international border safely has been updated to include translations into Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Turkish and Welsh. For more information, click [here](#).

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## 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](#).