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Welcome to the BEIS Bulletin from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Here's the latest news from BEIS:



BEIS in the Queen's Speech

The speech sets out the Government's legislative agenda for this Parliamentary session and affirms BEIS' commitment to ensuring the UK builds back better from the pandemic.

The Queen's Speech emphasises the UK's reputation as a science superpower and commits to new laws to help seize opportunities for UK businesses and workers now we have left the EU. Measures will also help further secure energy supplies while we tackle climate change.

[Read the full list of BEIS' priorities.](#)

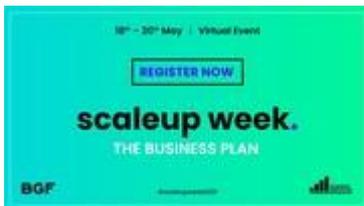


Further easing of COVID restrictions confirmed for 17 May

From Monday 17 May, indoor hospitality, saunas and steam rooms, indoor sport and exercise classes, and cinemas, theatres and other indoor entertainment can all reopen, as well as all remaining outdoor entertainment. Larger events including business conferences and sports events can also resume, subject to the restrictions on numbers of attendees previously set out. [The latest guidance is available now.](#)

International travel to [green list countries](#) can begin to safely resume, and up to 6 people or 2 households will be able to meet indoors and up to 30 people outdoors.

[Please read the full announcement.](#)



Scaleup Week: The Business Plan - 18-20 May

ScaleUp Week is a week-long series of free virtual debates about the crucial issues and opportunities facing growing businesses as they navigate towards a sustainable, diverse and prosperous future.

These nationwide conversations include brilliant speakers from across the UK from a variety of backgrounds including BEIS Ministers and other politicians, business and academia, as well as a live audience Q&A.

[Find out more and register for your place now.](#)



Business Secretary opens new state-of-the-art Battery Technology Centre

Kwasi Kwarteng visited Johnson Matthey in Didcot to open their new centre on Friday 7 May.

[Find out more about how low emission tech is securing a competitive future for Britain's automotive sector.](#)



Help to Grow: Management

Small business leaders can now register their interest for Help to Grow Management, a 12 week-programme delivered by leading business schools across the UK. Designed to be manageable alongside full-time work, this programme will support small business leaders to develop their strategic skills with key modules covering financial management, innovation and digital adoption.

If you regularly engage with SMEs, please use the [Help to Grow Stakeholder Toolkit](#) to reach senior decision makers in SMEs. The toolkit contains suggested newsletter text, social media posts and digital assets. You can find out more information on the scheme at the [Help to Grow campaign page](#).

Other news:

- [International Workers Day 2021: the key steps government has taken to support workers](#)
- [Pre-pack sales to face mandatory independent scrutiny](#)
- [National security bolstered as Bill to protect against malicious investment granted Royal Assent](#)
- [Best of British business celebrated as Queen's Awards for Enterprise winners revealed](#)

Useful links:

- [Latest BEIS news and announcements](#)
- [Coronavirus restrictions: what you can and cannot do in England](#). See specific guidance for [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#)
- [Find out how to make your workplace COVID-secure](#)
- [Read the roadmap: what is changing and when](#)
- [Support for businesses and self-employed people during coronavirus](#)
- [See all coronavirus guidance on GOV.UK](#)
- [Use the Brexit checker to get a personalised list of actions for you, your business and your family](#)
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