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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:



The Prime Minister confirms Step 4 of the Roadmap out of COVID-19 in England will go ahead on Monday 19 July.

On 19 July, most legal restrictions will end including the removal of social distancing and social contact restrictions and remaining businesses will be able to reopen. Step 4 will mark a new phase of continued caution, whilst managing the risks of COVID-19, in our response to the pandemic. 

You can read the [Step 4 guidance](#) for more detail on what will change and what you should do to protect yourself and others. The Cabinet Office have also published a new communications toolkit which you can use, alongside [downloadable creative assets](#) recently published by Public Health England, should you wish to

share the latest COVID-19 information with your stakeholders, employees and wider networks.



New Working Safely guidance has now been published

To support businesses and the self-employed to continue to work safely during the pandemic as we move to Step 4, we have published updated [Working Safely guidance](#). The guidance cover a range of different types of work and also includes guidance for people working in, visiting or delivering to other people's homes. You can also find [updated guidance](#) on hosting weddings, civil partnership ceremonies and other celebrations in England during step 4 on GOV.UK.

The government have also extended NHS Test and Trace's free workplace testing offer until the end of July, with 19 July as the final date to place orders. Free workplace testing will therefore now end on 31 July. After the end of July, we would encourage you to direct your employees to [pharmacy collect and online ordering](#) to continue accessing rapid lateral flow tests. As we continue returning to normal, twice-weekly testing remains key and we recommend people continue to test.



Prime Minister sets out new County Deals in Levelling Up speech

Speaking from the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre (UKBIC) in Coventry on 15th July, Boris Johnson set out his vision on how the government would deliver on the central purpose of his premiership to level up and unite the whole of the United Kingdom.

As part of the speech, the Prime Minister set out the integral role for government in helping to deliver the levelling up agenda, including plans to empower strong local leaders by taking a more flexible approach to devolution, with new County Deals, invest in infrastructure and connectivity and more.

You can find out more by reading the [full press notice](#).



New Hospitality Strategy published to help the sector Build Back Better from the pandemic.

Business Minister Paul Scully today (16 July) [launched](#) the first ever Hospitality Strategy to support the reopening, recovery and resilience of England's pubs, restaurants, cafes and nightclubs.

To support the industry in its reopening, the Strategy sets out measures including highlighting opportunities in the hospitality industry to jobseekers through DWP's dedicated Work Coaches and helping the sector address current recruitment challenges.

The strategy also sets out ways to help the sector improve its resilience, including by making hospitality a career option of choice, boosting creativity, and developing a greener sector. You can find out more by reading the [full strategy](#)

The new [Build Back Better High Streets Strategy](#) has been published, which sets out the Government's long-term plan to support the evolution and regeneration of high streets.



Expert report: every UK job has the potential to be green

The independent Green Jobs Taskforce has [published its report](#), issuing a call to action on how the UK can deliver a green industrial revolution with government, business and the education sector working together. The government has welcomed the recommendations in this report and reaffirmed its commitment to delivering a workforce needed for a green industrial revolution.

The government have also outlined a series of green programmes providing adults with the skills needed to

pursue a green career. Please [read the press notice](#) for further details.



Business Secretary visits Stellantis' Vauxhall Ellesmere Port site as they announce plans for £110m investment

Kwasi Kwarteng visited the Vauxhall Ellesmere Port site of multinational automotive company Stellantis on 6 July, as they announced their decision to manufacture battery electric vans at the site through a new £110m investment into the plant.

Speaking alongside key Stellantis executives, the Business Secretary remarked on how the investment represented a strong vote of confidence in the country's auto manufacturing sector, as well as a key development to put the UK at the forefront of the development and manufacturing of zero emissions vehicles.

You can find out more about the government's plans to accelerate our path to net zero by reading the [Ten Point Plan](#) for a green industrial revolution.





Changes to right to work checks from 1 July

Following the deadline for applications to the EU Settlement Scheme, the process for completing right-to-work checks on EU, EEA, and Swiss citizens has now changed.

Employers can no longer accept EU passports or ID cards as valid proof of right-to-work, with the exception of Irish citizens. Instead, you need to [check a job applicant's right to work online](#) using a share code and their date of birth. You do not need to retrospectively check the status of any EU, EEA, or Swiss citizens you employed before 1 July 2021.

You can find out more information on these changes, including what to do if you identify an EU citizen in your workforce who has not applied to the EU Settlement Scheme by the deadline and does not hold any other form of leave in the UK, by reading the [full guidance](#).

Other news:

- [G7 nations to boost international research response to future crises](#)
- [Reaction Engines secures new UK Government funding for Space Access Programme](#)
- [Community groups across the UK can now bid for up to £250,000 in matched funding to support local facilities and community assets through the new £150 million Community Ownership Fund](#)
- [Bold new life sciences vision sets path for UK to build on pandemic response and deliver life-changing innovations to patients](#)
- [Read our new one pager guide to the Professional Qualifications Bill](#)

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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