

# Coronavirus

SUPPORT FOR THE SELF-EMPLOYED

### Coronavirus business support measures

These are concerning times for everyone, particularly business owners and their families. We have prepared this guide to assist our clients in understanding the range of business support measures currently available.

The information below is correct as at **27 March 2020**, but it is highly likely that changes will be made and additional measures introduced as the outbreak progresses. We will continue to monitor these changes and will keep you updated accordingly.

### We are here to help

Although our offices are currently closed, our staff are working remotely and available to answer any queries you may have.



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	Self-employment Income Support Scheme	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme	Small Business Grant Scheme	Grant Funding £10,000 retail, hospitality and leisure	Grant Funding £25,000 retail, hospitality and leisure
Who will it support?	Self-employed individuals or members of partnerships	Businesses with employees paid via PAYE	Businesses adversely affected by the Coronavirus outbreak	Businesses with premises	Retail, hospitality and leisure businesses with premises	Retail, hospitality and leisure businesses with premises
How much support?	A taxable grant equivalent to 80% of average trading profits for tax years 2016/17 to 2018/19 (capped at £2,500 per month) for the next 3 months is available	A taxable grant equivalent to 80% of 'furloughed' employees' usual monthly wages, up to £2,500 per month for at least 3 months from 1 March 2020 plus associated NIC and minimum auto enrolment pension contributions	Up to £5 million for up to 6 years	£10,000	£10,000	£25,000
What is it?	This is a one time taxable cash grant to help businesses meet ongoing costs	HMRC will reimburse the employer for the above amounts	Term loans, overdrafts, invoice finance, asset finance offered on attractive terms  Government backed guarantee of up to 80% of the loan facility with the first 12 months interest payments covered by them	This is a one time cash payment to help businesses meet ongoing costs	This is a one time cash payment to help businesses meet ongoing costs	This is a one time cash payment to help businesses meet ongoing costs
Eligibility	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have submitted a 2018/19 Tax Return;</li> <li>have traded during the current tax year (i.e. 2019/20);</li> <li>be trading at the time the claim is made or would have been but for the Coronavirus;</li> <li>intend to continue trading during the 2020/21 tax year;</li> <li>have lost trading profits due to the Coronavirus;</li> <li>have trading profits not exceeding £50,000 for the 2018/19 tax year or have average profits for the tax years 2016/17 to 2018/19 not exceeding £50,000; and</li> <li>have had trading profits constitute more than half of your total taxable income for 2018/19 (or average total taxable income for 2016/17 to 2018/19)</li> </ul>	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have created and started a PAYE payroll scheme on or before 28 February 2020; and</li> <li>Furloughed employees (employees given a leave of absence) must not perform any employment duties during the furloughed period</li> </ul>	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>be a UK-based business;</li> <li>have turnover of no more than £45m per annum; and</li> <li>meet British Business Bank eligibility criteria</li> </ul>	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have a small business that is based in England;</li> <li>already receive Small Business Rates Relief or Rural Rates Relief; and</li> <li>occupy business property</li> </ul>	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have a property with a rateable value of up to £15,000</li> </ul>	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have a property with a rateable value between £15,001 and £50,999</li> </ul>
Action and timescale	HMRC will contact you if you are eligible, but if you require guidance on your eligibility, please contact us.  It is proposed that payment will be made at the beginning of June	Designate and notify employees as furloughed and submit information to HMRC via an online portal (not yet available). Make required changes to employment contracts. HMRC are working on the set-up of system for reimbursement	Applications can be made now through your bank. Please contact us if you require any financial information to assist with your application	If you are eligible, your Local Authority will write to you but we would advise checking your Local Authority's website as we are aware that some claims can be made through the website	If you are eligible, your Local Authority will write to you but we would advise checking your Local Authority's website as we are aware that some claims can be made through the website	If you are eligible, your Local Authority will write to you but we would advise checking your Local Authority's website as we are aware that some claims can be made through the website

	Deferring VAT payments	Deferring Income Tax payments	HMRC Time to Pay Scheme	Business Rates holiday for 12 months	Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) Relief for SMEs	Universal Credit
<b>Who will it support?</b>	UK VAT registered businesses	All taxpayers	All businesses and individuals with outstanding tax liabilities	Retail, hospitality and leisure businesses with premises	Businesses with employees	Self employed individuals not eligible for the self-employment income support scheme
<b>How much support?</b>					£94.25 per week for up to 2 weeks for each staff member	Operates by topping-up to minimum wage
<b>What is it?</b>	VAT payments that are deferred do not have to be paid until 31 March 2021	Self-Assessment payments on account which were due for payment by 31 July 2020 are deferred until 31 January 2021	HMRC will enter into an arrangement with taxpayers to delay the settlement of tax liabilities	Business Rates holiday for the year to 5 April 2021	Refund of SSP paid to employee suffering sickness or self-isolating as a result of the Coronavirus	This is a state benefit for low earners
<b>Eligibility</b>	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have a VAT payment due between 20 March 2020 and 30 June 2020</li> </ul>	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have a payment on account for 2019/20 due for payment by 31 July 2020</li> </ul>	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have a liability under Self Assessment, PAYE or CIS and are experiencing financial difficulty as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak</li> </ul>	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have a retail, hospitality or leisure business that is based in England; and</li> <li>occupy business property</li> </ul>	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have had fewer than 250 employees on 28 February 2020; and</li> <li>staff were sick or self-isolating as a result of the Coronavirus</li> </ul>	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>be 18 years or older;</li> <li>be under state pension age; and</li> <li>have a low income or be out of work</li> </ul>
<b>Action to take and timescale</b>	If you pay VAT by direct debit, cancel this as soon as possible.	None - remember this is a deferral only	Contact HMRC on 0300 200 3822 or the Coronavirus Helpline on 0800 024 1222	If you are eligible, your Local Authority will write to you but we would advise checking your Local Authority's website as we are aware that some claims can be made through the website	Maintain records of staff absences (but no need to obtain 'sick notes'). HMRC are working on the set-up of system for reimbursement	Visit <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit">www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit</a> or phone 0800 238 5644