

Coronavirus – Summary of UK Government Funding

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<p>Covid Commercial Financing Facility</p>	<p>Large businesses that had a short-term or long-term rating of investment grade or financial health equivalent to investment grade before being affected by coronavirus.</p>	<p>Loan scheme launched by the Bank of England for large firms that make a material contribution to the economy.</p> <p>The scheme is intended to enable them to bridge cash flow disruption from Coronavirus using loans.</p> <p>Support will last for up to 12 months.</p>	<p>Details to be announced.</p>	
<p>Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS)</p>	<p>UK-based small businesses with an annual turnover of £45 million or below, operating in an eligible industry.</p> <p>(See sectors that are ineligible for this funding.)</p> <p>Businesses also must not have been in receipt of de minimis state aid over the equivalent of €200,000 in this and the last two fiscal years.</p> <p>Business must have sound proposals but lack the security normally required by the lender.</p>	<p>A scheme through the British Business Bank, which will lend eligible businesses between £1,000 and £5 million.</p> <p>The Government will absorb interest costs in these loans for the first 12 months.</p> <p>The Government backed guarantee means borrowers whose credit history may have made them ineligible for a loan, could now be eligible.</p> <p>It is important to remember that the borrower is ultimately liable for the debt. Some lenders have indicated that they will require business owners and directors to provide personal security on loans under the scheme, which could be equivalent to between 25 per cent and 100 per cent of the amount borrowed, although this security should not include a person's main residence. You should seek legal advice if you are asked to provide security for a CBILS loan.</p>	<p>To apply for a loan under the scheme, please visit: www.british-business-bank.co.uk/ourpartners/coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme-cbils/accredited-lenders</p> <p>Using the tool on this page, you can narrow down lenders by region and the type of loan you wish to apply for.</p> <p>Once you have identified the lender you wish to apply to, you will need to contact that lender using the details provided by the British Business Bank to proceed with your application, via the lender's own process.</p>	

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<p>Time to Pay (TTP) Arrangements</p>	<p>Available to any business, providing they can show that all other avenues for financing have been exhausted.</p>	<p>Although TTP is not a new concept, HMRC is providing additional capacity to deal with enquiries to its helpline.</p> <p>Under the TTP arrangement, your business may be able to defer VAT, Corporation Tax, Income Tax, and payroll-related tax bills.</p> <p>HMRC would then agree arrangements for the tax debt to be repaid in instalments.</p>	<p>Either contact us or phone HMRC's helpline: 0800 024 1222.</p> <p>If the sum to be deferred is less than £750,000 HMRC aims to deal with requests in under an hour although larger sums may take longer.</p> <p>It is important to know that, as a director, you will be expected to confirm in writing that you will ensure the instalments are paid on time.</p>	
<p>Grants for businesses in the hospitality, leisure and retail sectors</p>	<p>Businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors, with a rateable value of £15,000 - £51,000.</p>	<p>Grants worth £25,000 to support businesses in 'at risk' sectors to help with the costs of running a business.</p>	<p>Enquiries regarding eligibility and provision of the relief will be handled by the relevant local authority.</p> <p>They have received guidance on this as of 20 March 2020.</p>	
<p>Grant for businesses that pay no or little business rates</p>	<p>Small businesses that benefit from small business rate relief (SBBR) or rural rate relief.</p>	<p>A one-off grant of £10,000 to businesses that are eligible for SBBR or rural rate relief to help with ongoing business costs.</p>	<p>Eligible businesses will be contacted by their local authority in the coming weeks, who will provide details on how to claim the relief.</p> <p>Businesses that might be eligible should speak to the Economic Development Office at their local authority, who can advise on their arrangements.</p>	

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<p>Rates Relief</p>	<p>Businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors.</p>	<p>Allows for a 100 per cent business rates discount for all businesses in these sectors.</p> <p>Unoccupied properties where they become vacant in the next 12 months will be charged 100 per cent full rate after three months of void rate holiday following vacation, this will continue to apply unless the rules are amended.</p> <p>Properties which have had to close temporarily due to the Coronavirus measures will be treated as occupied.</p> <p>The relief will apply from 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2021.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has issued a guidance note to all local authorities on this discount, clarifying which properties are eligible.</p> <p>This list includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shops • Cinemas • Restaurants • Gyms • Music venues • Estate agents • Letting agencies • Small hotels • B&Bs • Guest houses • Sports clubs • Night clubs • Bingo halls • Nurseries <p>Local Billing Authorities will administer the application process and they should already have knowledge of which properties are eligible, so it would be best to contact them in the first instance.</p>	

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Statutory Sick Pay (SSP)	<p>Small and medium-sized businesses with fewer than 250 employees.</p>	<p>Businesses will be able to reclaim up to two weeks of SSP per employee paid to those required to take time off to self-isolate as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak.</p> <p>SSP will also be payable from day one now for those employees required to self-isolate.</p> <p>Only qualifying employees, whose average weekly earnings are above £118 are entitled to SSP. SSP is paid at a rate of £94.25 per week.</p>	<p>No process currently exists to recover SSP, but the Government has said it is committed to working with employers to find a suitable mechanism to recover SSP.</p> <p>Qualifying businesses should keep an accurate record of sickness and sick pay with evidence from employees of the reasons for time taken off.</p> <p>If you need to provide evidence that your employee needed to stay at home due to Coronavirus, workers will soon be able to get it from NHS 111 Online instead of having to get a Fit Note from a doctor.</p> <p>These measures will remain in place until 13 November 2020.</p>	
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	<p>All UK businesses.</p>	<p>UK employers will receive support to continue paying the salaries of 'furloughed workers' that would otherwise have been laid off.</p> <p>The Scheme covers up to 80 per cent of furloughed workers' wage costs, up to a cap of £2,500 per month per employee.</p> <p>The Scheme will currently run for at least three months from 1 March 2020 (applied retrospectively) and applies to all employees who were on the payroll at 28 February 2020.</p>	<p>The Scheme will be administered by HMRC. Employers need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designate affected employees as 'furloughed workers'. • Submit information to HMRC about the employees that have been furloughed and their earnings through an online portal (details of which should soon be available). <p>The grant requires a business to pay the furloughed worker and then be reimbursed by HMRC.</p>	

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Deferring VAT Payments	All UK businesses	<p>The Government is supporting businesses by deferring VAT payments for three months, from 20 March 2020 until 30 June 2020.</p> <p>Businesses will not need to make a VAT payment during this period.</p> <p>Taxpayers will be given until the end of the 2020/21 tax year to pay any liabilities that have accumulated during this period.</p>	<p>This is an automatic offer with no applications required.</p> <p>VAT refunds and reclaims will be paid by the government as normal.</p> <p>However, to benefit from this offer, you must cancel your Direct Debit with your bank immediately.</p>	
Deferring Income Tax	All taxpayers who are due to pay their second Self-Assessment payment on account on 31 July 2020, whether or not they are self-employed	Income Tax Self-Assessment payments due on the 31 July 2020 will be deferred until the 31 January 2021.	<p>This is an automatic offer with no applications required.</p> <p>No penalties or interest for late payment will be charged in the deferral period.</p>	
Universal Credit	Self-employed and those not eligible for SSP	<p>From 6 April the requirements of the Minimum Income Floor will be temporarily relaxed. This change will apply to all Universal Credit claimants and will last for the duration of the outbreak. This means that those who are self-employed or ineligible for SSP can claim from day one.</p> <p>The amount provided will be based on 'topping up' to minimum wage, but could vary between different claimants based on their circumstances.</p>	<p>New claimants will not need to attend the job centre to demonstrate gainful self-employment.</p> <p>People are being asked to apply online for universal credit by visiting www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit or by calling the Universal Credit Helpline on 0800 328 5644.</p>	

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<p>Self-employed Income Support Scheme</p>	<p>Self-employed individuals with trading profits of no more than £50,000, who receive the majority of income from self-employment and who have lost trading profits due to the crisis.</p> <p>They must have submitted a Self-Assessment Tax Return for 2018-19.</p> <p>People who pay themselves a salary and dividends through their own company will not be eligible for the scheme but could be eligible for the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme if they use PAYE.</p>	<p>The scheme will pay self-employed individuals an amount equivalent to up to 80 per cent of their average monthly trading profits, capped at £2,500, to cover at least the three months from March. The amount will be paid in a single lump-sum and will be based upon tax returns from 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.</p>	<p>HMRC will contact everyone eligible for the scheme directly, inviting them to apply for the support via an online portal.</p> <p>The first payments will be made at the beginning of June 2020.</p> <p>Anyone who has not yet submitted a 2018-19 Self-Assessment Tax Return has four weeks from 26 March 2020 to do so in order to qualify for the scheme.</p>	