

COVID-19 Bulletin #9

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TOP NEWS		
Reminder Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	<p>The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme is open for application. Employers can claim online for a grant for 80% of their furloughed employees' salaries, up to a maximum of £2,500 per employee per month.</p> <p>To receive payment by 30 April, you will need to complete an application by the end of 22 April as it can take 6 working days from making an application to receive the money. Please keep a note or print-out of your claim reference number as you won't receive a confirmation SMS or email.</p>	<p>Click here to make a claim.</p> <p>HMRC have produced this step by step guidance on how to make a claim. There is also a calculator to help you work out your claim.</p>
NEW Chancellor extends furlough scheme to end of June	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme extended by one month to reflect continuing social distancing measures.	Click for details
NEW Business Support Finder tool	A new 'support finder' tool will help businesses and self-employed people across the UK to quickly and easily determine what financial support is available to them during the coronavirus pandemic.	Click for details
NEW HSE COVID-19 Bulletin	An update on the latest information for employers and employees in the construction industry, including details of advice and guidance around the coronavirus outbreak.	Click for details
NEW CPA Launch Supplementary Site Operating Procedures for Plant Occupations	<p>Following the recent introduction of version 3 of the Construction Leadership Council's (CLC) Site Operating Procedures on protecting the workforce during the coronavirus pandemic, the Construction Plant-hire Association (CPA) has written a supplementary guidance publication for plant occupations.</p> <p>This is in light of a number of site now re-opening up again and that social-distancing requirements in the workplace will be in force for the foreseeable future.</p>	Click for details

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COVID-19 IMPORTANT	Government Information for Business	
NEW Coronavirus Business Support Blog	<p>The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy have created the Coronavirus Business Support Blog to help business get the support they need to help with the impact of coronavirus.</p> <p>The government has made available a full range of business support measures during this time. This blog contains additional information and resources, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • case studies from businesses who have or will be accessing government support • posts from different people across government and business 	For all the latest up to date government guidance on coronavirus support for businesses, please visit the coronavirus pages on GOV.UK
NEW DIT support for UK businesses trading internationally	<p>This advice is for UK businesses that export or deliver goods and services abroad and have been impacted by the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIT support for UK business trading internationally • financial support for business trading internationally 	Click for details
UPDATED DAILY Government Healthcare	Information on healthcare advice for employers and support for businesses.	click for details
General COVID-19 Information		
Guidance on food shopping and food safety	Advice for consumers in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in the UK.	Click for details

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