

# Coronavirus 2 - Update

## Business Financial Support Guide

## Special Bulletin

This bulletin outlines the changes to the Government's measures to support businesses during the crisis.

For more details go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses>

Version 2 - The information here is correct as at 29 April 2020.

### Business Rates & Grants

We understand many Councils have now paid out the £10,000 grant available to eligible small businesses with an RV under £15,000, and that in many cases contact has been made regarding the grant of £25,000 to eligible businesses in the retail, entertainment and leisure centre with RV under £50,000

- Has been negatively affected by coronavirus
- Was not an 'undertaking in difficulty' on 31 December 2019

### Deferred Tax generally

We understand these measures are working and helping.

### Deferred VAT

The next VAT payment on direct debit is due on 12th May so if you want to defer this you will need to cancel the direct debit yourself at your own bank. If you do not do this in sufficient time, HMRC will take the payment. Remember to reinstate the payment for the following quarter if you do not want to be in default.

### Income Tax - self assessment

No updates

### Loans - Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme

The scheme has been expanded and the reach extended. Larger firms can also apply. More lenders have been added to the panel. More details at:

<https://www.british-business-bank.co.uk/ourpartners/coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme-cbils-2/>

### Personal Guarantees

The government increased their guarantee to 100%, so you should not be asked for personal guarantees.

### 'Bounce-back' loan - launched 4th May

The Bounce Back Loan scheme will help small and medium-sized businesses to borrow between £2,000 and £50,000. The government will guarantee 100% of the loan and there won't be any fees or interest to pay for the first 12 months. Loan terms will be up to 6 years.

No repayments will be due during the first 12 months. The government will work with lenders to agree a low rate of interest for the remaining period of the loan. The scheme will be delivered through a network of accredited lenders.

### Eligibility

You can apply for a loan if your business:

- Is based in the UK

### Who cannot apply

The following businesses are not eligible to apply:

- Banks, insurers and re-insurers (but not insurance brokers)
- Public-sector bodies
- State-funded primary and secondary schools
- If you're already claiming funding

You cannot apply if you're already claiming under the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS). If you've already received a loan of up to £50,000 under CBILS and would like to transfer it into the Bounce Back Loan scheme, you can arrange this with your lender until 4 November 2020.

### Business interruption insurance

There are reported threats of legal action between retailers and large insurers over this issue. Insurers are saying the insurance doesn't cover the pandemic and would bankrupt them if it did. Trade and insurance bodies are seeking legal advice, but of course the wording of individual policies will be important.

### Companies & LLPs

Companies House is now allowing 3 month extensions of filing dates on limited company accounts, as long as you apply for the extension before your filing deadline arrives. Year-ends of July 2019 must apply before the end of April. Year-ends of the end of August must apply before the end of May.

### New self-employed income support scheme - partners and sole practitioners

Self Employed who qualify for this funding and made an application under the scheme should begin to hear from HMRC during May. There will be a single payment made towards the end of June.

### Sole practitioners

No updates

### CJRS Job retention scheme - 'Furlough'

This is now extended to the end of June. The furlough portal is now open, and further claims will be then made for each of May and June.



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