



## COVID-19 Bulletin

30 March 2021



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| <b>TOP NEWS</b>  |   |                                   |
| <b>NEW UK Government Support for Business in Scotland: March 2021</b>  | The UK Government has compiled this practical resource to help businesses in Scotland understand and navigate the wide range of support available.                    | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>NEW More countries added to red list to protect UK vaccination programme against variants of concern</b>  | Ethiopia, Oman, Somalia and Qatar to be added to England's red list. Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores) and Mauritius to be removed from England's red list. | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>NEW Business rates relief boosted with new £1.5 billion pot</b>   | Business ratepayers adversely affected by COVID-19 are to get a £1.5 billion discount on their bills.   | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE COVID-19: ventilation of indoor spaces to stop the spread of coronavirus</b>                       | Guidance on the ventilation of indoor spaces to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).  | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE Pay VAT deferred due to coronavirus (COVID-19)</b>   | Find out how to pay VAT payments deferred between 20 March and 30 June 2020. You can pay now or join the VAT deferral new payment scheme.                             | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE How to treat certain expenses and benefits provided to employees during coronavirus (COVID-19)</b> | Find out about taxable expenses and benefits when they are paid to employees because of coronavirus and how to report them to HMRC.                                   | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE Coronavirus (COVID-19): jobs that qualify for travel exemptions</b>                                | Jobs that qualify for exemptions from quarantine, passenger locator form or COVID testing requirements.   | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |

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| <b>UPDATE</b> Providers of day 2 and day 8 coronavirus testing for international arrivals                   | Information on the 2 tests you must book, pay for and take during your mandatory 10-day quarantine period after arriving in England, including how to book.   | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Working safely during coronavirus   | Find out how to make your workplace COVID-secure.   | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Coronavirus (COVID-19): red list travel ban countries   | Countries from which entry to the UK is banned - 'red list' countries.  | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> National lockdown: Stay at Home   | Coronavirus remains a serious threat across the country. Find out what you can and cannot do.   | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Reopening businesses and venues in England  | This guidance details the steps to reopen certain businesses and venues in England.   | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021   | The government has published the 'COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021', setting out the roadmap out of the current lockdown for England.  | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Coronavirus (COVID-19): jobs that qualify for travel exemptions                               | <p>To help protect the country from coronavirus (COVID-19), there are restrictions on travel to and from the UK.</p> <p>These do not apply if you're travelling from Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man. You must have spent the last 10 days in one of these places, or the UK.</p> | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Apply for a grant to help small and medium-sized businesses new to importing or exporting     | The SME Brexit Support Fund could give you up to £2,000 to help with training or professional advice, if your business has up to 500 employees and no more than £100 million annual turnover.   | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Calculate how much you can claim using the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme                   | Calculate how much you have to pay your furloughed employees for hours on furlough and how much you can claim back.   | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Claim for wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme                                  | Claim for some of your employee's wages if you have put them on furlough or flexible furlough because of coronavirus (COVID-19).  | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Check if you can claim for your employees' wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme | Find out if you're eligible and how much you can claim to cover wages for employees on temporary leave ('furlough') due to coronavirus (COVID-19).  | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |

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| <b>UPDATE</b> Check which employees you can put on furlough to use the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme                   | Find out which employees you can put on furlough and claim for through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.  | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Steps to take before calculating your claim using the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme                      | Steps to take before calculating your claim using the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme  | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Exemption from National Insurance contributions for COVID-19 Test and Trace Support Payments                | This tax information and impact note is about the measure to remove the need for employers or local authorities to report and deduct National Insurance contributions for COVID-19 Test and Trace Support Payments. | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Income Tax and National Insurance contributions exemption for employer-reimbursed coronavirus antigen tests | This Tax Information and Impact Note is about an exemption from Income Tax and National Insurance contributions for employer-reimbursed coronavirus antigen tests.  | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Vocational and technical qualifications contingency regulatory framework                                    | Part of a suite of documents setting out our regulatory requirements for awarding organisations offering vocational and technical qualifications affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.                   | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Coronavirus (COVID-19): construction update Q&A   | Questions and answers on the announcement on construction site working hours to enable social distancing working practices.   | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>UPDATE</b> Income Tax and National Insurance contributions exemption for employer-provided coronavirus antigen tests   | This tax information and impact note is about a temporary exemption from Income Tax benefit in kind charge for employees who get a coronavirus antigen test from their employer.                                    | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |
| <b>General COVID-19 Information</b>   |   |                                   |
| <b>UPDATED DAILY</b> Support for COVID-19 Affected Businesses   | Watch videos and register for the free webinars to learn more about the support available to help you deal with the economic impacts of coronavirus.  | <a href="#">click for details</a> |

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| <b>Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do</b> | The most frequently asked questions on what you can and can't do during the coronavirus outbreak. Now updated to align with recent announcements. | <a href="#">Click for details</a> |

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