



COVID-19 Bulletin

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TOP NEWS		
Coronavirus (COVID-19): jobs that qualify for travel exemptions	Anyone who does not have a valid reason for travel will be directed to return home and may face a fine - the reason for travel will be checked. The list of travel exemptions will be urgently reviewed so that only the most important and exceptional reasons are included.	Click for details
NEW Tougher border controls to protect public health	Further action to minimise travel across international borders.	Click for details
NEW Plan for Jobs: skills, employment and support programmes for jobseekers	Information and guidance for those looking for a job	Click for details
NEW Check if your business is eligible for the coronavirus Closed Businesses Lockdown Payment	The Closed Businesses Lockdown Payment (CBLP) supports businesses that have been required to close due to the national restrictions beginning 5 January 2021.	Click for details
NEW Ask HMRC not to publish your Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme claim details	Find out what to do if you are an employer and publishing your claim details could leave individuals at risk of violence or intimidation.	Click for details
NEW Companies House to pause voluntary and compulsory strike off processes for one month	We've temporarily paused our voluntary and compulsory strike off processes for one month from 21 January until 21 February 2021.	Click for details
UPDATE Kickstart Scheme	The Kickstart Scheme provides funding to employers to create job placements for 16 to 24 year olds on Universal Credit.	Click for details

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UPDATE Help employers apply for a Kickstart Scheme grant (Kickstart gateway)	Information for organisations who want to be a Kickstart gateway and help employers apply for the Kickstart Scheme.	Click for details
Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) – third grant	In October the Chancellor announced SEISS will run until the end of April. The fourth SEISS grant will cover February to April 2021.	Click for details
Work out 80% of your employee's usual wage	You can use the calculator to help you work out how much you can claim, though there are some cases where this may not be suitable – it is your responsibility to check that the amount you are claiming for is correct.	Click for details
UPDATE Steps to take before calculating your claim using the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	Find out what steps you need to take before you calculate how much you can claim for furloughed and flexibly furloughed employees.	Click for details
UPDATE Pay Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grants back	Find out how to pay all or some of your grant back if you've overclaimed, or if you do not need the grant and want to make a voluntary repayment.	Click for details
UPDATE Check if you can claim a grant through the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme	If you're self-employed or a member of a partnership and have been impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19) find out if you can use this scheme to claim a grant.	Click for details
UPDATE COVID-19 self-test help	Find out how to test yourself for coronavirus (COVID-19) if you are asked to, and learn what help is available.	Click for details
UPDATE Travel advice: coronavirus (COVID-19)	Guidance for British people travelling overseas during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, if they are legally permitted to travel internationally.	Click for details
General COVID-19 Information		
UPDATED DAILY 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.	click for details

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Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do	The most frequently asked questions on what you can and can't do during the coronavirus outbreak. Now updated to align with recent announcements.	Click for details

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