

COVID-19 Bulletin

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	LIFTING STANDARDS	
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TOP NEWS		
NEW Bounce back loan borrowers can delay repayments by extra six months	Businesses that took out government-backed Bounce Back Loans to get through Covid-19 will now have greater flexibility to repay their loans, the government announced today (8 February).	Click for details
NEW Pay VAT deferred due to coronavirus (COVID-19)	Find out how to pay VAT payments deferred between 20 March and 30 June 2020. You can pay now or get ready to join the VAT deferral new payment scheme.	Click for details
UPDATE Making your Self Assessment payments including Class 2 National Insurance contributions	Check how to pay your Self Assessment payments including your Class 2 National Insurance contributions.	<u>Click for details</u>
UPDATE Apply for a coronavirus Bounce Back Loan	The Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLS) enables smaller businesses to access finance more quickly during the coronavirus outbreak.	Click for details
UPDATE Haulier advice site locations	Find sites where HGV and coach drivers can get free COVID-19 tests and check their documents to transport goods to the EU.	Click for details
NEW Government confirms mandatory hotel quarantine to be introduced from 15 February	From 15 February anyone travelling to the UK from a country on the UK's travel ban list will be required to quarantine in a government-approved facility for 10 days.	<u>Click for details</u>
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
UPDATE Foreign travel insurance	Wherever you're travelling, it's important to take out appropriate travel insurance before you go.	Click for details

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NEW Strengthening our health protection at the border	Statement by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the new system of health measures at the border that will come into force on Monday 15 February.	Click for details
NEW Government to introduce tougher measures and enforcement rules for quarantined passengers	Tough new enforcement measures – from fixed penalty notices to imprisonment – will come into force on Monday 15 February.	Click for details
NEW Kickstart moves up a gear with over 120,000 jobs created so far and government making it even simpler for employers to join	More than 120,000 jobs for 16 to 24 year olds have now been created through the government's flagship Kickstart Scheme, as ministers have urged more employers to get involved.	Click for details
NEW Apply for a Kickstart Scheme grant	If you're an employer looking to create jobs placements for young people, you can apply for funding as part of the Kickstart Scheme.	Click for details
Find a Kickstart gateway	If you're creating fewer than 30 job placements, use this service to find a Kickstart gateway to apply for a Kickstart Scheme grant for you.	Click for details
Kickstart Scheme contacts	 If you need help with the Kickstart Scheme process or you'd like to add job placements or employers to your grant agreement, you can email: your local employer contact if you are located in a specific region the national employer contact if you are located across several regions 	<u>Click for details</u>
UPDATE Providing apprenticeships during the coronavirus (COVID- 19) outbreak	Find out how apprenticeships will continue during the coronavirus (COVD-19) outbreak.	Click for details
UPDATE NHS Test and Trace in the workplace	Guidance on what to do if you or someone you employ is contacted by NHS Test and Trace, including self-isolation and financial support.	Click for details
UPDATE 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) you may be eligible to claim the grant.	Click for details
Brexit travel guide	Whatever the current status of your 2021 travel programme, get Brexit-ready with a quick reference guide.	Click for details
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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
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.	<u>Click for details</u>

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