

COVID-19 Bulletin

9 March 2021



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| TOP NEWS | | |
| NEW Recovery Loan Scheme | A new loan scheme to support access to finance for UK business as they grow and recover from the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic. | Click for details |
| NEW super-deduction capital allowance | A new 130% first-year capital allowance for qualifying plant and machinery assets; and a 50% first-year allowance for qualifying special rate assets. | Click for details |
| NEW Free rapid tests for all businesses for regular workplace testing | All businesses in England are now able to sign up to the government's free COVID-19 workplace testing programme. | Click for details |
| NEW COVID-19: ventilation of indoor spaces to stop the spread of coronavirus | Guidance on the ventilation of indoor spaces to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). | Click for details |
| NEW Mandatory form for international travel launched to prevent illegal trips | From 8 March 2021, passengers travelling abroad will need to carry a new form stating that their trip is permitted under national lockdown rules. | Click for details |
| NEW BEIS in the Budget 2021 | The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) will have a key role to play in delivering the Budget's commitments. | Click for details |
| NEW Companies House to resume voluntary and compulsory strike off | Following a temporary pause, we'll resume our strike off processes from 8 March 2021. | Click for details |
| UPDATE National lockdown: Stay at Home | Coronavirus remains a serious threat across the country. Find out what you can and cannot do. | Click for details |

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| Changes to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme from July 2021 | The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme has been extended until 30 September 2021 and the level of grant available to employers under the scheme will stay the same until 30 June 2021. | Click for details |
| UPDATE Changes to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme | Find out how the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme is changing. | Click for details |
| UPDATE 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). | Click for details |
| UPDATE Self- Employment Income Support Scheme fourth grant | Find out if you're eligible for the fourth grant which will cover the period February 2021 to April 2021. Also find out information about the fifth grant. | Click for details |
| UPDATE 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 detail |
| UPDATE Help employers with the Kickstart Scheme (Kickstart gateway) | Information for Kickstart gateways on how to help employers with the Kickstart Scheme and how to add job placements or employers to the grant agreement. | Click for details |
| UPDATE Coronavirus (COVID-19): testing guidance for employers | Guidance for employers and third-party healthcare providers on the regulations and legal obligations of running testing programmes. | Click for details |
| UPDATE Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers | Walking, cycling, and travelling in vehicles or on public transport during the coronavirus outbreak. | Click for details |
| UPDATE Coronavirus (COVID-19): jobs that qualify for travel exemptions | Jobs that qualify for exemptions from quarantine, passenger locator form or COVID testing requirements. | Click for details |
| UPDATE Coronavirus (COVID-19): requirements to provide public health information to passengers travelling to England | Information that transport operators must ensure is provided to passengers and how to provide it. | 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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| UPDATE Travel advice: coronavirus (COVID-19) | Guidance for British people travelling abroad during the coronavirus pandemic, if they are legally permitted to travel under current UK COVID-19 restrictions. | Click for details |
| UPDATE Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer air travel for passengers | How to travel safely in airports and on aircraft during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. | Click for details |
| UPDATE 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 join the VAT deferral new payment scheme. | Click for details |
| UPDATE Visiting arrangements in care homes | Sets out how care homes can support families and visitors to visit residents from 8 March. | Click for details |
| UPDATE Coronavirus (COVID-19): disposing of waste | How to dispose of your personal or business waste, including face coverings, personal protective equipment (PPE) and from lateral flow tests, during the coronavirus pandemic. | 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. | 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 |
| 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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