



What funding is available for my business?

VAT Deferral

Payment of VAT deferred for the next quarter.

If you have a VAT payment due between 20 March 2020 and 30 June 2020 you have the option to defer the payment or pay as usual.

Taxpayers will be given until the end of the 2020 to 2021 tax year to pay any liabilities that have accumulated during the deferral period. VAT refunds and reclaims will be paid by the government as normal. This is the one tax deferral where you MUST cancel the Direct Debit to avoid the money leaving your account to HMRC.

HMRC Time To Pay

You can contact HMRC Time To Pay on 0800 015 9559. HMRC will be generous with any request to defer due tax payments. It's important you call them to agree this, don't just cancel your Direct Debit.

Job Retention Scheme

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme offers a grant for furloughed staff. It covers 80% of salary costs, capped at £2,500 per month. The HMRC portal will go live 20th April 2020. You may also be eligible for the CJRS if you are a limited company director or a salaried member of a limited liability partnership - but only for the part of your income that you pay yourself as a salary via PAYE.

Hardship Loan Scheme

Contact your local authority about a hardships loan scheme, as many are setting them up for local residents, small business owners and the self-employed.

Invoice Payment Terms

If you receive payments for services and have delivered work for clients and customers, have you issued an invoice? Contact them and ask for the invoice to be paid now, regardless of payment terms.

Mortgage & Rent Breaks

Contact your landlord about rent holidays, or speak to your bank about mortgage holidays. The Treasury announced emergency legislation through the COVID Bill in Parliament to ban evictions for commercial tenants for at least 3 months. This is not a payment holiday, you will still remain liable for your rent and will need to make payments unless your landlord agrees a rent holiday with you. Some landlords such as the Arch Company and Network Rail have done this.

Statutory Sick Pay

The Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme will repay employers the current rate of SSP that you pay to current or former employees for periods of sickness starting on or after 13th March 2020. The repayment will cover up to 2 weeks starting from the first day of sickness due to COVID-19. The scheme can be used if you had a PAYE payroll scheme that was created and started on or before 28th February 2020, and you had fewer than 250 employees on 28th February 2020.

The Scottish Government has set up a dedicated coronavirus helpline for business through Scottish Enterprise.

Call 0300 303 0660

Lines open Mon - Friday 8:30am - 5:30pm

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For further updates, please visit www.fsb.org.uk, [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) or your local authority's website.

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Business Rates & Grants

Business Grants and Rates Relief are being administered by local authorities, any queries should be addressed to them directly. You can find contact details for your local authority on the GOV.UK website.

All non-domestic properties will get a 1.6% rates relief. All businesses can speak to their Local Authority about rates payment deferrals.





Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme

Are you a UK based SME with a turnover of less than £45m?

YES

For larger firms, you may be eligible for the COVID-19 Corporate Financing Facility.

The Bank of England will buy short term debt from larger companies to support your business if it has been affected. It will also support corporate finance markets overall, and ease the supply of credit to all firms. All UK based businesses are eligible.

NO

Do you need to borrow less than £250,000?

YES

You may be eligible for the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme. This gives an 80% government guarantee to lenders and is 12 months interest free and fee free. Loans of less than £250,000 cannot use the personal guarantee. You can apply directly to one of over 40 accredited lenders or you can use the FSB Funding Platform.

NO

Is your business and personal security adequate?

NO

YES

If you have security, you may be eligible for a CBILS loan of over £250,000, which is 12 months interest free and fee free. It covers loans of up to £5m. For loans over £250,000, you will not be able to use your personal primary residence for security. You can apply directly to one of over 40 accredited lenders or you can use the FSB Funding Platform.

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I'm self-employed - what's available?

Do you meet the following criteria?

- Submitted your Self Assessment tax return for the tax year 2018-19, or will do so by 23rd April. (If you have returns for 2017-18 and 2016-17 they will also be used to assess your average tradable profits.)
- Traded in the tax year 2019-20.
- Are trading when you apply, or would be except for COVID-19.
- Intend to continue trading in the tax year 2020-21.
- Lost trading profits as a result of coronavirus.

YES

Are your self-employed trading profits less than £50,000?

YES

You may be eligible for the Self Employed Income Support Scheme if you:

- Have average tradable profits over the last three years of below £50,000 or your tradable profits for 2018-19 were below £50,000
- Earn more than 50% of your income from self employment.

You can claim a taxable grant worth 80% of your trading profits up to a maximum of £2,500 per month for the next 3 months.

This may be extended if needed. 3.8 million will benefit from this scheme, but some exclusions apply: company director's dividends, those who earn more than £50,000 and those whose other income makes up more than 50% of their earnings.

Universal Credit

Can be accessed in full at a rate equivalent to Statutory Sick Pay, but you must have savings below £16,000.

Tax Return Deferral

June tax return and payment deferred to January 2021.

Proposed changes to IR35 have been postponed to 2021

The government announced on 17th March that the reform to the off-payroll working rules (commonly known as IR35) - that would have applied for people contracting their services to large or medium-sized organisations outside the public sector - will be delayed for one year from 6th April 2020 until 6th April 2021. Businesses and individuals do not need to take any action.

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