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Lockdown Business Fund

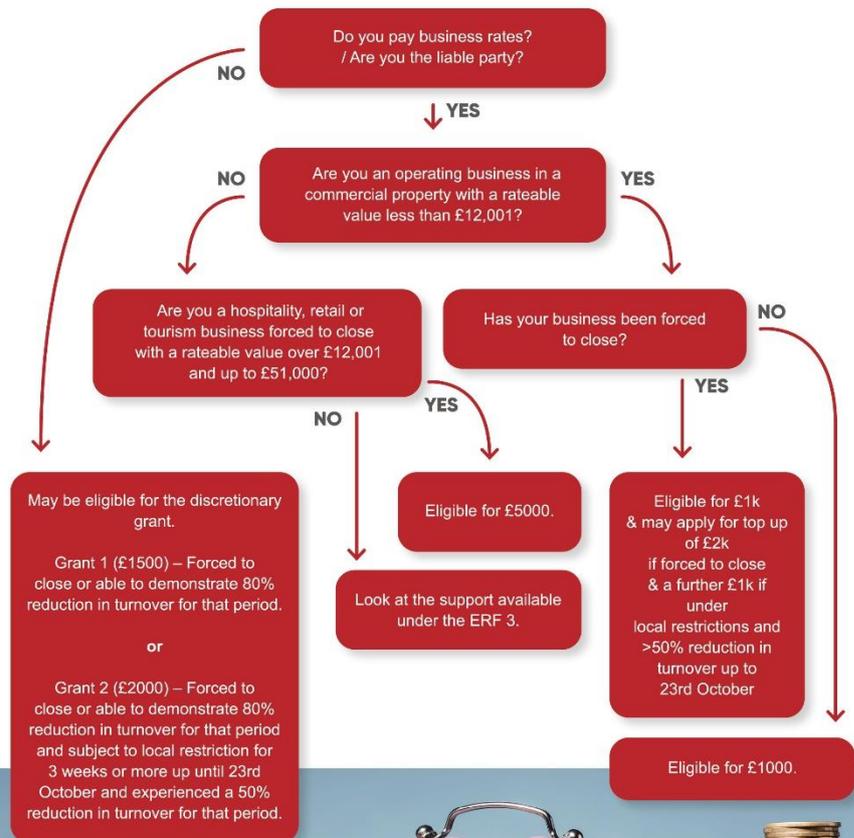
This is a fund to provide financial assistance to businesses that are facing operational and financial challenges caused by the national lockdown announced for Wales as a result of COVID-19.

The purpose of the fund is to support businesses with cash flow support to help them survive the economic consequences of the restrictions put in place.

The fund is open to applications from the 28th October and will close at 5pm on the 20th November or when the fund is fully committed.

The fund consists of two separate grants:

1. [Lockdown Non Domestic Rate Grant](#)
2. [Lockdown Discretionary Grant](#)





ERF Phase 3 Business Grant is currently suspended please keep checking [the link for updates](#)

Wales Culture Recovery Fund: Freelancer Support: Phase 3

Following high demand for funding support across the arts and cultural sectors a further £10.7 million will be made available to support organisations and individuals during the pandemic.

The funding will be used to open a third phase of the successful **Freelancer Fund** which will see a further £3.5 million being made available nationwide across all local authority areas from **10am on Monday 23 November 2020** to freelancers in the creative sector.

For further information please visit the GOV.Wales website.

Coronavirus Jobs Retention Scheme (CJRS) now extended until end of March 2021

Following the recent UK Government announcement that the CJRS would be extended until 2 December, the scheme has now been extended until the end of March 2021. Key points:

- Eligible employees will receive 80% of their usual salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2,500 per month.
- Businesses will have flexibility to use the scheme for employees for any amount of time and shift pattern, including furloughing them full-time.
- There will be NO employer contribution to wages for hours not worked. Employers will only be asked to cover National Insurance and Employer pension contributions for hours not worked. This applies to periods running to January 2021. The policy will be reviewed in January in light of economic circumstances
- The extended CJRS will operate as the previous Scheme did, with businesses being able to claim either shortly before, during or after running payroll. Claims can be made from 8am Wednesday 11 November. Claims made for November must be submitted to HMRC by no-later than 14 December 2020.
- Employers do not need to have had the CJRS previously and employers across the UK can claim whether businesses are open or closed
- [Full guidance published on 10th November and will include further detail on how to claim](#)
- The Job Retention Bonus (JRB) will not be paid in February 2021 and a retention incentive will be deployed at the appropriate time.



Please ensure you read fuller information and more scheme details via the link below which sets out for example details around:

- Core employability criteria
- Employees not claimed for previously under CJRS
- Employees re-employed by their employer
- When employees are on furlough
- Other conditions of claiming CJRS
- Making a claim

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme: Grant extension update

The grant is being extended from 1 November 2020

To be eligible for the Grant Extension self-employed individuals, including members of partnerships, must:

- have been previously eligible for the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme first and second grant (although they do not have to have claimed the previous grants)
- declare that they intend to continue to trade and either:
 1. *are currently actively trading but are impacted by reduced demand due to coronavirus*
 2. *were previously trading but are temporarily unable to do so due to coronavirus*

What the Grant Extension covers

The extension will last for six months, from November 2020 to April 2021. Grants will be paid in two lump sum instalments each covering a three-month period.

The third grant will cover a 3 month period from 1 November 2020 until 31 January 2021. The Government will provide a taxable grant calculated at 80% of 3 months average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment and capped at £7,500 in total. This is an increase from the previously announced amount of 55%.

The fourth grant will cover a three-month period from 1 February 2021 until 30 April 2021. The Government will review the level of the second grant and set this in due course.

The grants are taxable income and also subject to National Insurance contributions.

The Self-Employment Income Support Scheme Grant Extension opens for applications from 30th November 2020. Further information to follow

Visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/self-employment-income-support-scheme-grant-extension/self-employment-income-support-scheme-grant-extension>



Coronavirus regulations from 9 November 2020 – restaurants, cafes and pubs

When the firebreak ends on 9 November 2020, there will be a new set of national measures, which will replace the previous restrictions.

How are cafes, restaurants, pubs and bars able to operate safely indoors?

Hospitality premises will be required to put the following measures in place:

- premises should be providing table service only
- all food and drink should be consumed at tables
- physical distancing measures will be applied, such as tables being spaced out
- limit to groups of up to 4 people (not including any children aged under 11) unless they are from a single household
- face coverings must be worn other than when seated to eat or drink
- you will be asked to give contact details for purposes of tracing people in the event of an outbreak being linked to the venue, and
- there will be no live music and TV broadcasts will be kept at low volume

Please click on the following link [UK Hospitality Guidance For Hospitality in Wales](#) for guidance which has been produced by the Welsh Government following consultation with industry stakeholders and applies to hospitality businesses in Wales resuming service (indoors and outdoors) post firebreak.



Covid-19: Good manufacturing practice for the Welsh Food & Drink processing sector

Food Innovation Wales In collaboration with the Food & Drink Wales Industry Board, have summarised some of the considerations required for food and drink manufacturers in Wales in relation to the risks presented by Coronavirus.

This resource includes analysing and documenting operational risks, a checklist for your business, a list of useful references and a tool kit of templates.

COVID-19 Tool Kit

In order to ensure every business is operating to optimal practices, all activities and changes must be documented

Please click on the link below to view and download the document:

<http://foodinnovation.wales/covid-19-considerations-for-good-manufacturing-practice-in-the-welsh-food-and-drink-processing-sector/>

Minister for Economy, Transport & North Wales, Ken Skates urges welsh businesses to be ready for end of EU Transition period

Minister for Economy, Transport & North Wales, Ken Skates has outlined the preparations businesses need to be making in readiness for the ending of the EU Transition period. In the attached communication piece to businesses he focuses on key areas and resources including:

- [UK Government Tracker](#) (obtain a personalised list of actions)
- [HMRC's email updates](#) (keep up to date)
- [Business Wales EU Transition Portal](#)
- Imports, Exports & Customs [Government letter](#)
- [Data](#)
- [People](#)
- [Borders](#)



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COVID-19: [guidance for employees, employers and businesses](#)

COVID-19: [Support for businesses](#)

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All editions of our COVID-19 e-shot are also available in Welsh [here](#)