



## **This is the eighth in our weekly COVID 19 Business Support Information**

### **Applications for Self-Employment Income Support Scheme Opened**

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme opened for applications yesterday. Those eligible will receive a government grant worth up to £7,500.

Self-employed individuals or members of partnerships whose business has been adversely affected by coronavirus will be able to apply for a Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) grant worth 80% of their average monthly trading profits.

Payments – to be paid in a single instalment covering three months and capped at £7,500 – are expected to land in bank accounts within six working days of each claim.

More information [here](#)

### **Chancellor extends furlough scheme until October**

The UK government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme will be extended by a further four months until the end of October, the Chancellor Rishi Sunak has announced. It will continue to apply across all regions and sectors in the UK economy.

Furloughed workers across UK will continue to receive 80% of their current salary, up to £2,500

The scheme will continue in its current form until the end of July

New flexibility will be introduced from August to get employees back to work.

Furloughed workers will be able to return to work part-time with employers being asked to pay a percentage towards the salaries of their furloughed staff.

For further information please visit the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) website.



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## Over 250k Bounce Back Loans worth almost £8.3bn approved in the first week

Billions of pounds have already landed in people's accounts, supporting firms through the coronavirus crisis.

Britain's small businesses are able to apply for quick and easy-to access loans of up to £50,000.

Thousands of small firms and sole traders – including high street staples like hairdressers, coffee shops and florists – will be eligible for 100% government-backed Bounce Back Loans to help ensure they can continue to trade, and be a key part of efforts to reboot the British economy.

Features include:

- businesses will be able to borrow between £2,000 and £50,000 with the cash arriving within days
- loans will be 100% government backed for lenders, and businesses can apply online through a short and simple form, with 7 questions
- Affordable flat rate of 2.5% interest

The loans are available through a network of lenders, including the five largest banks.

[Find out more:](#)

## Support for Welsh Food and Drink Manufacturers Launched

Developed in collaboration with the Food & Drink Wales Industry Board, Food Innovation Wales has launched a tool kit of useful templates and links to support Welsh food and drink manufacturers during the COVID-19 outbreak.

This resource includes analysing and documenting operational risks, a checklist for your business (including return to work), a list of useful references and a tool kit of templates.

More information [here](#)

Food Innovation Wales (South Wales) can be contacted at ZERO2FIVE Food Industry Centre, Cardiff Metropolitan University: David Lloyd: 07770 825069 /

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## **£26 million to help small charities in Wales**

The Welsh Government has announced that thousands of small charities within the retail, leisure and hospitality sector will receive a £10,000 business support grant to help them respond to the financial challenges of Covid-19.

The new £26 million package will support an additional 2,600 properties with a rateable value of £12,000 or below.

This includes: charity run shops, sports premises, community centres

More details on how to apply will be on the [website](#) shortly.

## **Coronavirus – what it means for you and what you're entitled to: Money Advice Service**

The Money Advice Service offers free impartial money advice on:

- debt and borrowing
- homes and mortgages
- budgeting and saving
- work and benefits
- pensions and retirement
- family and care
- cars and travel
- insurance

They have included additional information related to COVID-19:

- your rights to sick pay
- what benefits you can claim if you're self-employed or not entitled to Statutory Sick Pay (SSP)
- your bills
- housing costs
- moving home
- information to help you find out what help is available to you based on your circumstances

For further information please visit the [Money Advice Service](#) website.



## **COVID-19: Social distancing and protecting lone workers**

Due to social distancing, lone working has become far more common. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have [guidance](#) for employers to keep lone workers healthy and safe.

Their revised leaflet [Protecting lone workers: How to control the risks of working alone](#) is for anyone who employs lone workers, or engages them as contractors for example, including self-employed people or those who work at home.

It has been updated to include advice on work-related violence, keeping in touch, and the impact of lone working on stress and mental health.

For further information please visit the [HSE](#) website.

## **Guidance on social distancing for non-food stores issued**

In preparation for the reopening of non-essential stores, the BRC (British Retail Consortium) and Usdaw (Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers) have published guidance about social distancing in non-food stores.

The guidance [‘Social Guidance in Retail Stores’](#) covers social distancing inside and outside stores and in changing rooms, and protecting employees.

For further information please visit the [USDAW](#) website.

## **Economy & Enterprise Team – Business Support**

If you need to get in touch with an enquiry complete your [details here](#) and we will contact you as soon as possible.

## **COVID-19: guidance for employees, employers and businesses**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19>

## **COVID-19: Support for businesses**

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