



This is the twenty second in our weekly COVID 19 Business Support Information

Changes to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme from September 2020

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme will close on 31 October 2020.

Just a reminder about the changes to the CJRS for September.

For September, the government will pay 70% of wages up to a cap of £2,187.50 per month for the hours the employee is on furlough. Employers will pay ER NICs and pension contributions and top up employees' wages to ensure they receive 80% of their wages up to a cap of £2,500, for time they are furloughed.

HMRC is offering further guidance and live webinars on changes to the scheme and how they impact businesses are available to book online.

Please go to the gov.uk website for further details:

Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wages-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

Help & Support: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-and-support-if-your-business-is-affected-by-coronavirus-covid-19>

Changes: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme/changes-to-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>



Find out if you are eligible for support from the Cultural Recovery Fund

Organisations in the culture and heritage sector can find out if they are eligible to apply for financial support from the Welsh Government's £53 million Cultural Recovery Fund.

The following organisations can bid for a share the fund:

- music venues
- recording and rehearsal studios
- heritage organisations and historic attractions
- accredited museums and archive services
- libraries
- events and their technical support suppliers
- independent cinemas
- publishing sector

The latest funding is part of the Welsh Government's package to support the culture and arts sectors which are coping with a dramatic loss of revenue as a result of the pandemic.

A separate element of the Cultural Recovery Fund, worth £27.5 million, is being delivered through the Arts Council of Wales to support theatres and galleries. This fund was launched 17 August 2020 with details available on the [Arts Council's website](#).

The online [eligibility checker](#) opens Tuesday, 1 September 2020 and organisations will be able to make applications for support from the fund from 14 September 2020. The closing date for applications is 30 September 2020.

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



£25.5 Million Revenue Support Package for Arts Organisations

The Wales Cultural Recovery Fund (Revenue) for the Arts will support activities until March 2021 and will pay particular attention to those who are experiencing significant financial pressures. Funding can be used for fixed business costs including staff, rent and IT systems, as well as adaptations to prepare for reopening. **Deadline for applications: 5pm 9th September 2020.**

[Fuller details and how to apply](#)

'Here to Help' – support for food businesses

In order to continue operating during COVID-19, many established food businesses have diversified into food delivery, takeaway or online sales. There has also been an increase in people cooking from home and selling food locally or online.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) are offering support and guidance to established and new businesses to help address the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 'Here to Help' campaign will provide guidance and promote best practice to support food businesses to stay compliant with food hygiene and safety requirements and best respond to the impacts of COVID-19.

Find out how to:

- change your business model
- start a food business from home
- reopen your food business

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



HMRC – protect yourself from scams

Stay vigilant about scams which may mimic UK Government messages as a way of appearing authentic and unthreatening.

Search 'scams' on GOV.UK for information on how to recognise genuine HMRC contact. You can also forward suspicious emails claiming to be from HMRC to phishing@hmrc.gov.uk and texts to 60599.

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

Theatre Reopening Fund

In response to the coronavirus crisis, Theatres Trust has repurposed their small grants schemes to support theatres to cover the additional costs of reopening after several months' closure.

Grants of up to £5,000 to help not-for-profit theatres across the UK to make Covid-19-related adaptations and prepare for reopening.

The Theatre Reopening Fund will support building improvements and purchasing equipment that will support the theatre to be able to open viably and safely. It will not cover revenue costs.

Priority will be given to those which demonstrate how the project will support the theatre's safe reopening.

Theatres are encouraged to contact Theatres Trust to discuss the project / work before applying. Following an initial conversation, applications should be sent to advice@theatrust.org.uk.

The closing date for applications is noon on the 5 October 2020.

For further information please visit the [Theatres Trust website](https://www.theatrust.org.uk).



Apply for the Childcare Providers Grant: Coronavirus

Childcare providers including child minders, nurseries, cylch meithrin, crèches and out of school clubs can apply for up to £5,000 to cover loss of income between 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020.

You need to be registered with [Care Inspectorate Wales \(CIW\)](#).

You cannot get the grant if you have successfully applied for or had funding from the following schemes:

- Business rate grants administered by your local authority
- Economic Resilience Fund (ERF)
- Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS)
- Welsh Government Start-Up Grant
- Third Sector Resilience Fund (WCVA)
- Mudiad Meithrin grant scheme

You can apply for the grant even if you have received funding from the following schemes:

- Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)
- Childcare Offer Wales
- Coronavirus Childcare Assistance Scheme (C-CAS)
- Foundation Phase Nursery (FPN) funding
- Flying Start

You can apply from 24 August 2020 to 31 October 2020.

Applications received after 31 October 2020 will not be considered.

If you are eligible, you will be directed to your local authority website which will tell you how to apply in your area.

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



Claim money back through the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme

If you have registered your establishment for the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme and offered scheme discounts to diners on Mondays to Wednesdays between 3 and 31 August, you can:

- claim back the discount given on food and non-alcoholic drinks
- submit weekly claims for August until **30 September**

The UK Government has issued guidance on:

- When you can claim
- What you'll need
- How to claim
- Records you must keep
- What happens next

You can find all the information you need on the [GOV.UK website](https://www.gov.uk)

Welsh Government COVID-19 workforce risk assessment tool

Employers have a duty of care to protect employees' health and safety at work and this includes understanding if they are in a higher risk category from COVID-19.

Welsh Government has published a tool, developed for use in health and social care but can be used in other workplaces to help consider personal risk of more serious symptoms for those who come into contact with COVID-19. Featuring a scoring table, the Tool asks a number of questions aimed at identifying who is at higher risk from Covid-19. It asks about health, weight and ethnicity, which may increase risk of serious illness following an infection with Covid-19. Sectors covered include:

- Health, social care and the public sector
- NHS
- Education
- Other workplace settings

There is also a Guidance and FAQ section.

Click on the following link to discover more: <https://gov.wales/covid-19-workforce-risk-assessment-tool>



Looking to create job placements for young people?

Check if you can apply for funding through the new Kickstart Scheme

You can use the Kickstart Scheme to create new 6-month job placements for young people who are currently on Universal Credit and at risk of long-term unemployment. The job placements should support the participants to develop the skills and experience they need to find work after completing the scheme.

Funding is available for 100% of the relevant National Minimum Wage for 25 hours a week, plus associated employer National Insurance contributions and employer minimum automatic enrolment contributions. There is also £1,500 per job placement available for setup costs, support and training.

Funding is available following a successful application process. Applications must be for a minimum of 30 job placements. If you are unable to offer this many job placements, you can partner with other organisations to reach the minimum number.

For all the details including who and how to apply can be found at [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

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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

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

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