

COVID-19

BUSINESS SUPPORT UPDATE

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Following the Chancellor's announcement on Friday 29 May 2020,
this issue contains important updates on:

CORONAVIRUS JOB RETENTION SCHEME (CJRS)

SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME SUPPORT SCHEME

Key dates, facts and figures inside

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CJRS – WHAT'S NEW?

- The CJRS is changing. **From 1 July**, you can bring back to work employees that have previously been furloughed for any amount of time and any shift pattern, while still being able to claim CJRS grant for their normal hours not worked. When claiming the CJRS grant for furloughed hours, you will need to report and claim for a minimum period of a week.
- The CJRS scheme **will close to new entrants from 30 June**. From this point onwards, employers will only be able to furlough employees that they have furloughed for a full 3 week period prior to 30 June.
- This means that the **final date** which you can furlough an employee for the first time will be **10 June**, in order for the current 3 week furlough period to be completed by 30 June. You will have until 31 July to make any claims in respect of the period to 30 June.
- Further guidance on flexible furloughing and how employers should calculate claims will be published on 12 June.

CJRS – HOW MUCH WILL THE GOVERNMENT PAY?

- **June and July:** The government will pay **80% of wages up to a cap of £2,500 as well as employer National Insurance (ER NICs) and pension contributions**. Employers are not required to pay anything.
- **August:** The government will pay **80% of wages up to a cap of £2,500**. Employers will pay ER NICs and pension contributions – for the average claim, this represents 5% of the gross employment costs the employer would have incurred had the employee not been furloughed.
- **September:** The government will pay **70% of wages up to a cap of £2,187.50**. Employers will pay ER NICs and pension contributions and 10% of wages to make up 80% total up to a cap of £2,500. For the average claim, this represents 14% of the gross employment costs the employer would have incurred had the employee not been furloughed.
- **October:** The government will pay **60% of wages up to a cap of £1,875**. Employers will pay ER NICs and pension contributions and 20% of wages to make up 80% total up to a cap of £2,500. For the average claim, this represents 23% of the gross employment costs the employer would have incurred had the employee not been furloughed.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME SUPPORT SCHEME (SEISS)

- SEISS will be extended - with those eligible able to claim a second and final grant capped at £6,570.
- Applications for the **second grant will open in August 2020** (online service for this is not available yet). You will be able to claim a second taxable grant worth 70% of your average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment covering three months' worth of profits, and capped at £6,570 in total.
- You can continue to apply for the **first SEISS grant until 13 July 2020**. Under the first grant, you can claim a taxable grant worth 80% of your average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment covering three months' worth of profits, and capped at £7,500 in total. To find out if you're eligible to claim, click [HERE](#)
- The eligibility criteria are the same for both grants, and individuals will need to confirm that their business has been adversely affected by coronavirus. An individual does not need to have claimed the first grant to receive the second grant: for example, they may only have been adversely affected by COVID-19 in this later phase.
- Further guidance on the second grant will be published on Friday 12 June.

IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION

Find out more on the extension to the SEISS and next steps for the CJRS [HERE](#)

You can access an official SEISS and CJRS factsheet [HERE](#)