

# COVID-19

## BUSINESS SUPPORT UPDATE

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### FUNDING LATEST

#### BUSINESS SUPPORT FUNDS – IMMINENT CLOSING DATES

Grant funds for the newly self-employed, B&Bs and business rates close this week

#### TOURISM BUSINESSES – TRADING STANDARDS HERE TO HELP

Our Trading Standards team are here to support re-opening

#### TOURISM – “GOOD TO GO” SCHEME

How to get accredited for the UK-wide tourism scheme

For COVID-19 business support enquiries, email: [COVID19.BusinessSupport@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:COVID19.BusinessSupport@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)  
or call: 01292 616 349

## BUSINESS SUPPORT FUNDS – CLOSING DATES

Three key business support funds close and/or will stop receiving applications this week. Those funds and their key dates are:

- **Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund (NSEHF):** Closes to new applications on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Bed and Breakfast Hardship Fund:** Closes to new applications on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Non-domestic Rates Relief:** Fund closes on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Please note that all of the above funds are administered by South Ayrshire Council, so please get in touch with any queries via **01292 616349** on the above schemes if you think you are eligible, prior to their close.

## TOURISM BUSINESSES – TRADING STANDARDS SUPPORT

With majority of tourism businesses planning for either 3 July (self-catering only with no shared access, including entrance such as close/common stairwell or lift) or 15 July to resume operations (depending on the science), the South Ayrshire Council Trading Standards team are here to support you.

Trading Standards and Environmental Health are providing advice in relation to the requirements, interpretation and compliance of The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020. Please contact them on **0300 123 0900** for further guidance and to establish that appropriate social distancing is in place to ensure everyone's safety.

## TOURISM – “GOOD TO GO” SCHEME

In order to give confidence to visitors, Visit Scotland has worked with VisitEngland, Visit Wales and Tourism Northern Ireland to create a UK-wide industry standard and consumer mark (“good to go”). To obtain the mark via this free scheme, businesses must complete a self-assessment on the [We're Good to Go online platform](#), including a checklist confirming you've put the necessary processes in place and are adhering to official Government and sectoral guidance.