

COVID-19 Support for business (23 March)

Information and advice for businesses from the Scottish Government, UK Government and other agencies is changing rapidly. You will find all the latest information on business support for COVID-19, on the [Find Business Support website](#) and the [UK Government website](#).

The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced a further tranche of support on Friday, including an announcement on the **Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme** further information can be found [here](#)

The Scottish Government has announced that Scottish businesses will get £2.2 billion of support but as yet we do not have any more details on how or where to apply in Scotland. You can read about this in this [news story](#). The package announced the following measures available from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021:

We now understand you can only apply for one grant – even if you own multiple properties.

- a full year's 100% non-domestic rates relief for retail, hospitality and tourism. We now understand to get this relief, a property has to be occupied.
- £10,000 grants for small businesses in receipt of the Small Business Bonus Scheme or Rural Relief. You can also get this grant if you applied for [Nursery Relief](#) or [Disabled Relief](#) but are eligible for the [Small Business Bonus Scheme](#)
- £25,000 grants for hospitality, leisure and retail properties with a rateable value between £18,000 and £51,000. The businesses in these sectors have not yet been fully defined. An initial list is available [here](#) please note that this is not exhaustive at this stage.
- 1.6% relief for all properties, effectively freezing the poundage rate next year.

The Economy Secretary also confirmed that regulation will be relaxed in areas such as:

- restaurants will be allowed to become takeaways, further information listed [here](#)
- bottle return system will be delayed from April 2021 to July 2022
- tourist tax legislation halted

Business support

We have a dedicated email address to contact the Business Support Team and if you need advice and support for your business you can email business.support@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Support is available for businesses locally through [Business Gateway Lanarkshire](#) via virtual advisory and workshop services. Advisers can offer free support covering a wide range of business matters including continuity planning, managing cash flow, HR and dealing with suppliers.

You can also watch this film about the practical steps you can take just now to help you plan for any disruption.

You can phone [Business Gateway Lanarkshire](#) on 01236 702020.

Property

If you have any concerns about business property you should email LandAndProperty@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Rates

The full details of how to apply for the support above have not yet been released. Further details are anticipated soon and we will post them here. More information is available [here](#).

Tax

If you are concerned about being able to pay your tax due to COVID-19, call HMRC's dedicated helpline on 0800 015 9559. Lines are open from Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm and on Saturday, 8am to 4pm. Further details can be found [here](#)

Other sources of advice

The organisations listed below can also help your business with free-to-access checklists of what businesses can do to minimise the impacts of coronavirus on their operations (please click on their name for more information):

- [Federation of Small Businesses](#)
- [Scottish Chambers of Commerce](#)
- [ACAS](#)

What to do if someone develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) on site

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in the business or workplace they should be sent home and advised to follow the [stay at home guidance](#).

If they need clinical advice, they should go online to [NHS 111](#) or call 111 if they don't have internet access. In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

If a member of staff has helped someone who was taken unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves. They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell with symptoms consistent with coronavirus infection.

It is not necessary to close the business or workplace or send any staff home, unless government policy changes. Keep monitoring the [government response page](#) for the latest details.

Cleaning, disinfecting and waste disposal in non-healthcare settings

The Government has released hygiene guidance for individuals, households, and businesses on [cleaning in non-healthcare settings](#)