



# YOUR BUSINESS & CORONAVIRUS:

## Useful Links

- **UK Government** - [General guidance is available on this website](#)

Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme – <https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme/>

Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme - <https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/coronavirus-large-business-interruption-loan-scheme/>

- **Business Wales Website** - <https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice>
- **Department for Work and Pensions** – support for employers, [here is a useful link \(via GOV.UK\)](#)
- **Visit Wales** - also provide some specific advice for tourism businesses regarding the situation. [This can be found by clicking here](#)
- **Public Health Wales advice** - <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>
- **Pembrokeshire Lottery** - to discuss existing loans – 01646 690800
- **Support with sick pay:**

Employers with fewer than 250 employees will be refunded by the Government for the cost of providing 14-days' statutory sick pay for employees who can't work or need to self-isolate due to COVID-19.

Go to [www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19) for more information.

- **Deferring VAT payments:**

The Government has confirmed it will defer VAT payments for three months to support businesses. The deferral will apply from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2020. This is an automatic offer with no applications required.

Go to [www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses) for more information.

- **HMRC Helpline:**

HMRC has introduced a dedicated COVID-19 helpline to support businesses in financial distress and with outstanding tax liabilities to receive help with their tax affairs.

Contact the helpline on 0800 0159 559.

- **Extension to file accounts:**

Businesses can apply for an additional three months to file accounts with Companies House to help companies avoid penalties as they deal with the impact of coronavirus.

Go to [www.gov.uk/government/news/companies-to-receive-3-month-extension-period-to-file-accounts-during-covid-19](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/companies-to-receive-3-month-extension-period-to-file-accounts-during-covid-19) for more information.

- **Ban on evictions for commercial tenants:**

Commercial tenants who cannot pay their rent because of coronavirus will be protected from eviction. Under the measures, no business will be forced out of their premises if they miss a payment in the next three months.

Go to [www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-protection-for-businesses-with-ban-on-evictions-for-commercial-tenants-who-miss-rent-payments](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-protection-for-businesses-with-ban-on-evictions-for-commercial-tenants-who-miss-rent-payments) for more information.

- **Renting commercial premises from the council:**

If you are a business in Pembrokeshire renting one of the Council's properties and are struggling to pay your rent please get in touch with the Council's Property Team via [propertyhelpdesk@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:propertyhelpdesk@pembrokeshire.gov.uk) or via 01437 775874

- **Advice to Business Owners and Customers - Accommodation, Holidays and Events Cancelled**

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/covid-19-cancellations-and-refunds-advice-for-businesses-and-consumers>

- **Taxi Trade Advice**

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice/support/sector-specific-content/taxi-trade-advice>

- **Food related help and advice**

Pembrokeshire County Council food advice - <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/food-safety-and-standards>

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The Food Standards Agency 'Food delivery advice': <https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/food-safety-for-food-delivery>

UK Government guidance - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-food-businesses/guidance-for-food-businesses-on-coronavirus-covid-19>

- **IUK Launches Business-led Innovation in Response to Global Disruption Competition**

Support towards projects that can add significant benefit to for society during the COVID-19 Pandemic  
<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/583/overview>

- **Request or provide personal protective equipment (PPE)**

<https://gov.wales/provision-of-personal-protection-equipment>

- **WRAP Circular Economy Fund**

In addition to funding the use of recycled materials in products, WRAP Cymru is now able to support preparation for re-use, refurbishment and re-manufacturing activities in Wales. These include the production of sustainable goods to aid the global fight against coronavirus.

<http://www.wrapcymru.org.uk/grants>

- **Support for Innovative Firms**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/billion-pound-support-package-for-innovative-firms-hit-by-coronavirus>

- **Fisheries Grant announced**

<https://gov.wales/fisheries-grant-announced-wales-help-fishing-sector-through-covid-19-pandemic>

- **Support for Professional Musicians**

The charity, Help Musicians, has launched a [Coronavirus Hardship Fund](#) to alleviate some of the immediate financial pressures that many professional musicians may currently be facing.

PRS Foundation Sustaining Creativity Fund

<https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/all-career-levels/sustaining-creativity-fund/>

- **Support for Sports Clubs**

<https://www.sport.wales/content-vault/emergency-relief-fund/>

- **Support for the Arts**

<https://arts.wales/funding>

- **Advice on Apprenticeships**

Apprenticeship Programme Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-apprenticeship-programme-response>

- **Support for Young Entrepreneurs**

The Prince's Trust and NatWest have announced the launch of a £5million fund to help young entrepreneurs across the UK to keep their businesses afloat during the coronavirus crisis.

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about-the-trust/coronavirus-response/enterprise-relief-fund>

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