



Lockdown V3 – Government Support

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Factsheet

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The Treasury has just announced their package of support:

Businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors are to receive a one-off grant worth up to £9,000 per property, to help businesses through to the Spring. The one-off top-ups will be granted to closed businesses as follows:

- £4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under
- £6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
- £9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000.

A £594 million discretionary fund has also been made available to support other impacted businesses, which comes in addition to £1.1 billion of further discretionary grant funding for Local Authorities, Local Restriction Support Grants worth up to £3,000 a month.

The furlough scheme is now extended to April 2021.

Instead of ending on the 1st October 2020, the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) is extending to April 2021. This extension is taking the form of two grants: one covering the period between November 2020 to January 2021, and the other from February 2021 to April 2021.

The government has also provided 100% business rates relief for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses, and 100% government backed loans, extended until March.

HOWEVER:

- Still no help for the “excluded” - company directors, start-up businesses and those not able to claim SEISS grants, all of which will have to rely on the Local Authority discretionary grant pots;
- The new help is available only to CLOSED businesses i.e. those forced to close;
- No mention of the impact on supply chains of those businesses which have had to close;
- No mention of an extension to the repayment dates for Bounce Back Loans (BBL) and Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme;
- VAT deferral – this can be paid over 2 to 11 equal instalments now. HMRC are meant to be releasing details of how to apply in early 2021. It'll be interest free and needs to be paid in full by March 2022.

[Pay VAT deferred due to coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

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