

Financing Facility Support

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Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan (CBIL) Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government will be providing lenders with a guarantee of 80% on each loan. Scheme is designed to boost lenders' confidence in providing finance to small businesses. Scheme supports loans and other types of financing of up to £5 million in value. Accredited lenders will be offering the scheme once it launches. Companies can access the first 12 months of the finance interest-free, as government will cover the first 12 months of interest payments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small businesses. Detailed eligibility criteria should be consulted here. CBIL scheme covers a range of finance products, including term facilities, overdrafts, invoice finance facilities and asset finance facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company must be based in the UK. Must have a turnover of no more than £45 million per annum. Must operate within an eligible industrial sector. Be unable to meet a lender's normal lending requirements for a fully commercial loan or other facility, but would be considered viable in the longer-term. Company must be able to confirm it has not received de minimis state aid beyond €200,000 equivalent over current and previous two fiscal years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible companies should approach one or more participating lenders to discuss their borrowing needs. A full list of participating lenders can be found here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This scheme launches in the week beginning 23 March 2020.
Covid Corporate Financing Facility (CCFF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HM Treasury and the Bank of England are providing a financing facility to help companies bridge through COVID-19-related cash flow disruption. CCFF will provide funding by purchasing commercial paper of up to one-year maturity issued by businesses materially contributing to the UK economy. The terms of CCFF will be comparable to those prevailing in markets prior to the COVID-19 economic shock. The fund will purchase commercial paper during a defined period each business day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses making a material contribution to the UK economy. Businesses capable of issuing commercial paper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses must be able to prove they were in sound financial health prior to the economic shock produced by COVID-19. Businesses need not have previously issued commercial paper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application forms will be published on the Bank of England's website on 23 March 2020. Businesses whose commercial paper will be offered to the fund in the primary market are asked to contact the Bank of England via the following email address: applications@bankofengland.co.uk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The facility will become available on 23 March 2020. Application forms, terms and conditions, operating procedures and a full pricing schedule will also be published on 23 March 2020.

Other Financial Support

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Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government has stated that since advice to avoid social gatherings on 17 March 2020, businesses with insurance cover for both pandemics and government-ordered closure will be able to make claims. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses with insurance cover for pandemics and/or government-ordered closure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses will need to check the terms and conditions of their specific policies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses will need to contact their insurance providers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claims can be made as of now.
Grant Relief From Business Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional funding provided for local authorities to support small businesses that benefit from the small business rate relief (SBRR) and pay little to no business rates. One-off grant of £10,000 to help meet ongoing business costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Companies currently eligible for SBRR or rural rate relief. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible companies will be contacted by their local authorities and do not need to apply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for the scheme will be provided to local authorities in early April. Guidance will be published soon.
Relief From Business Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A business rates holiday for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses for 2020 to 2021 tax year. Businesses that received the retail discount in the 2019 to 2020 tax year will be rebilled by their local authority as soon as possible. £25,000 grant will be provided to businesses operating from smaller premises, with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail, hospitality and leisure businesses. Properties that will benefit from the relief will be occupied properties wholly/mainly used as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, restaurants, cafes, drinking establishments, cinemas, live music venues, properties for assembly and leisure, hotels, guest & boarding premises and self-catering accommodation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company must be based in England. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action to be taken. The business rates holiday will be applied to next council tax bill in April 2020. A business rates calculator is available here to calculate the charge saved. Any enquiries on cash grants should be directed to the relevant local authority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No date set yet. Guidance for local authorities on the business rates holiday to be published on 20 March 2020.

Support for Businesses Paying Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support made available for businesses and self-employed people in financial distress with their outstanding tax liabilities. Support is provided through HMRC's Time to Pay service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All arrangements are to be agreed on a case-by-case basis. Arrangements will be tailored to individual circumstances and liabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses and self-employed people in financial distress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calls can be to HRMC's dedicated helpline on 0800 0159 559. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calls can be made as of now.
Statutory Sick Pay (SSP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refund to cover up to two weeks' SSP per eligible employee off work due to COVID-19. Companies can reclaim expenditure for any employee who has claimed SSP because of COVID-19. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business must be UK based. Business must be an SME. A company is considered an SME if it meets two out of three of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turnover of less than £25 million Fewer than 250 employees, and/or Gross assets of less than £12.5 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employers must have fewer than 250 employees determined by the number of people employed as of 28 February 2020. Employers should maintain records of staff absences and payments of SSP, but a GP fit note is not required from employees. If evidence is required by an employer, those with COVID-19 symptoms can get an isolation note from NHS 111 online and those living with someone that has symptoms can obtain a note from the NHS website. Eligible period for scheme will commence the day after the regulations on the extension of SSP to those staying at home comes into force. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A rebate scheme is being developed and further details will be available once the relevant legislation is passed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will be working to set up the repayment as soon as possible. No date has been set yet.