

Financing Facility Support

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<p>Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government is 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. Scheme is offered through accredited lenders. Businesses can access the first 12 months of the finance interest-free, as government will cover the first 12 months of interest payments. Finance terms are up to six years for term loans and asset finance facilities and up to three years for overdrafts and invoice finance facilities. There is no fee for smaller businesses to access the scheme, but there is a fee for lenders to access it. For all facilities, including those over £250,000, CBILS can now support lending to smaller businesses even where a lender considers there to be sufficient security. Insufficient security is no longer a condition to access the scheme. No personal guarantees can be given for facilities under £250,000. Personal guarantees may be required, at a lender's discretion, for facilities above £250,000, but these are capped at a maximum of 20% of the outstanding balance of the CBILS facility after the proceeds of business assets have been applied. A Principal Private Residence (PPR) cannot be taken as security to support a personal guarantee or as security for a CBILS-backed facility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small businesses are eligible for this scheme. Business must generate more than 50% of turnover from trading activity. Detailed eligibility criteria should be consulted here and an eligibility checklist can be consulted here. CBILS covers a range of finance products including term facilities, overdrafts, invoice finance facilities and asset finance facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business must be based in the UK in its business activity. Business must have a turnover of no more than £45 million per annum. Business must operate within an eligible industrial sector. Business must have a borrowing proposal, which would be considered viable by the lender were it not for the COVID-19 pandemic. Business must self-certify that it has been adversely impacted by COVID-19. Business must not have been classed as a "business in difficulty" on 31 December 2019 if applying to borrow £30,000 or more. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses should look to apply via a lender's website in the first instance. A full list of participating lenders can be found here. The British Business Bank is accepting applications for new lenders to undergo accreditation. Not all accredited lenders can provide every type of finance available under the scheme. 	<p>This scheme has now launched. An in-depth FAQ page can be accessed here.</p>

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<p>Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CLBILS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government will provide lenders with a guarantee of 80% for loans. The guarantee will cover interest and fees, as well as the principle. Scheme is designed to boost lenders' confidence in providing finance to businesses impacted by COVID-19. Loans backed by guarantee under scheme will be offered at commercial rates of interest. The scheme is available through a series of accredited lenders, listed on the British Business Bank website (we expect there will be fewer than for CBILS). Accredited lenders making use of the scheme will pay a small fee in order to benefit from a partial 80% government guarantee on each CLBILS facility. Lender fees will vary according to length of facility. Government has made money available to support lending through the scheme of up to £25 million for borrowers with a group turnover from £45 million up to £250 million or £200 million for borrowers with a group turnover greater than £250 million based on summary details available from the government. No personal guarantees will be permitted for facilities under £250,000. For facilities of £250,000 and over, claims on personal guarantees applied to scheme facility cannot exceed 20% of losses on the scheme facility after all other recoveries have been applied. Finance terms are from three months to three years. Government has announced that as of next week larger businesses will be able to borrow up to 25% of turnover, up to a maximum of £200 million. The previous maximum loan size available under this scheme was £50 million. Government has announced that the scheme has been expanded to ensure that large firms that do not qualify for CCFF can meet their cashflow needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses with an annual turnover of more than £45 million. The scheme is open to sole traders, freelancers, body corporates, limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships or other legal entities carrying out a business activity in the UK with a turnover of over £45 million. The turnover of the business must generate more than 50% of its turnover from trading activity. Sole traders and freelancers are eligible as long as the business is operated through a business account. Finance provided can include loans, asset finance facilities, revolving credit facilities (including overdrafts) and invoice finance facilities lasting up to three years. Larger businesses opting to participate in the Bank of England's CCFF scheme are not eligible for CLBILS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business must be UK-based in its business activity. Business must have a turnover of more than £45 million per annum. Business must have a borrowing proposal, which, were it not for the current pandemic, would be considered viable by the lender, and for which the lender believes the provision of finance will enable the business to trade out of any short-to-medium term difficulty. Business must self-certify that it has been adversely impacted by COVID-19. Business must not have received a facility under the CCFF scheme. The amount borrowed should not be greater than (i) double the borrower's annual wage bill for the most recent year available; or (ii) 25% of the borrower's total turnover for the most recent year available; or (iii) with appropriate justification and based on self-certification of the borrower, the amount may be increased to cover their liquidity needs for the next 12 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses should consider applying via their own lender's website in the first instance. Not all accredited lenders can provide every type of finance available under the scheme. Lenders who wish to offer larger loans will need to undergo further accreditation checks. 	<p>This scheme is now available and the expanded loans will be available from 26 May 2020.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses can use the scheme while receiving other types of COVID-19 aid, other than CCFF. • Businesses that have had <i>de minimis</i> state aid in the past can still benefit from the scheme as long as the eligibility criteria is met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme is open to businesses operating in all sectors except for credit institutions (falling within the remit of Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive), insurers and reinsurers (not insurance brokers), building societies, public-sector bodies, further-education establishments (if they are grant-funded) and state-funded primary and secondary schools. • Business must not have been classed as a "business in difficulty" on 31 December 2019. • Businesses borrowing more than £50 million will be subject to restrictions on dividend payments, senior pay and share buy-backs during the period of the loan, including a ban on dividend payments and cash bonuses, except where previously agreed. • Restrictions on businesses wishing to borrow more than £50 million will include: not making any dividend payments other than those that have already been declared; not making any share buybacks; not paying any cash bonuses, or awarding any pay rises to senior management (including the board) except where they were (a) declared before the CLBILS loan was taken out, (b) the payment is in keeping with similar payments made in the preceding 12 months, and (c) payment does not have a material negative impact on borrower's ability to repay the loan. 		

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<p>Covid Corporate Financing Facility (CCFF)</p>	<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 provides 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. • The minimum size of an individual security that the fund will purchase from an individual participant is £1 million nominal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK-incorporated companies, and their finance subsidiaries, making a material contribution to the UK economy. • Businesses can have foreign-incorporated parents but must have genuine business in the UK. • Businesses capable of issuing commercial paper. • Terms and conditions can be found here. • Businesses opting to participate in the CLBILS are not eligible for the CCFF scheme. • The Bank of England will publish a list of companies who are benefiting under CCFF on 4 June 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business must be able to prove they were in sound financial health prior to the economic shock produced by COVID-19. • Business need not have previously issued commercial paper. • Commercial paper will need to have a maturity of one to 12 months; where possible a credit rating of A-3/P-3/F-3 from at least one of Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch as at 1 March 2020; and issued directly into Euroclear and/or Clearstream. • Companies that do not have a credit rating can review the advice on this page. • As of 19 May 2020, businesses wanting to borrow money beyond 12 months will be subject to restrictions on dividend payments, senior pay and share buy-backs during the period of the loan, including a ban on dividend payments and cash bonuses, except where previously agreed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application forms have been published on the Bank of England's website and can be found here. • The documents that need to be completed include: CCFF Application Form, Issuer Eligibility Form, Issuer Undertaking and Confidentiality Agreement, Guarantee document (if commercial paper is issued by entity other than primary entity in group) and associated legal opinion from primary group entity. • Completed application documentation should be sent to CCFF-Applications@bankofEngland.co.uk. • 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 is now available. • Application forms, terms and conditions, operating procedures and a full pricing schedule are available here. • Not all banks issue commercial paper, a full list of the banks that do can be found here. • Purchase operations are held every working day between 10 and 11:00 a.m.

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<p>Coronavirus Future Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scheme will issue convertible loans between £125,000 to £5 million to innovative companies that are facing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The scheme is aimed at businesses that are unable to access other government business support programmes because they are either pre-revenue or pre-profit and typically rely on equity investment. Government will provide loans subject to at least equal match funding from private investors. The scheme will deliver an initial commitment of £250 million of new government funding. The convertible loans may be suitable for businesses that rely on equity investment and are unable to access the CBILS. The scheme will be delivered in partnership with the British Business Bank. <p>The headline terms have been published and can be accessed here.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses based in the UK and able to raise at least equal match funding from private investors. In order to be eligible for the scheme, each of the investor(s) and the company must meet specific criteria. Investor eligibility criteria can be found here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company must have raised at least £250,000 in equity from third-party investors in previous funding rounds in the last five years (from 1 April 2015 to 19 April 2020, inclusive). If the company is a member of a corporate group, it must be the ultimate parent company. Company must not have any of its shares or other securities listed on a regulated market, a multilateral trading facility, a recognised investment exchange and/or any other similar market, stock exchange or listing venue. Company must be a UK incorporated limited company. Company must have been incorporated on or before 31 December 2019. At least one of the following must be true for the company: half or more employees are UK-based; and/or half or more revenues are from UK sales. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications are not yet open. The British Business Bank has stated that the application form will ask a number of questions on diversity and inclusion to help monitor the diversity of the portfolio loans backed by the scheme. 	<p>The scheme is now open and will initially be open until the end of September 2020.</p>

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Bounce Back Micro Loan Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses can apply for new Bounce Back Loans for 25% of their turnover. • Loans are for available for a minimum of £2,000 up to a maximum of £50,000, with the government paying the interest for the first 12 months. • After 12 months the interest rate will be 2.5% a year. • Most businesses should receive their loans within 24 hours of approval. • The government will guarantee 100% of the loan to the lender. • Loan terms will be up to 6 years and no repayments will be due during the first 12 months. • The government will work with lenders to agree a low rate of interest for the remaining period of the loan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small businesses based in the UK and established before 1 March 2020. • Business must have been negatively affected by COVID-19. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business must be based in the UK in its business activity and must have been impacted by COVID-19. • Business must not have been classed as a “business in difficulty” on 31 December 2019. • Business must be engaged in trading or commercial activity in the UK and must have been established by 1 March 2020. • Business must not be using the CBILS, CLBILS or CCFF, unless the Bounce Back Loan will refinance the whole facility. • Business must not be in bankruptcy or liquidation or undergoing debt restructuring at the time it submits its application for finance. • Business must derive more than 50% of its income from its trading activity (this does not apply to charities or further-education colleges). • Business must not be in a restricted sector. • The scheme is not available to businesses in the following sectors: credit institutions, insurance companies, public-sector organisations and state-funded primary and secondary schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications will be via a “simple, quick, standard form” that businesses will need to fill in. • The scheme will be delivered through a network of accredited lenders. • If a business has already received a loan of up to £50,000 under CBILS and would like to transfer it into the Bounce Back Loan Scheme it can arrange to do so via its lender until 4 November 2020. • Further information is available on the British Business Bank website here. 	<p>This scheme is now available.</p>

Other Financial Support

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<p>Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses that cannot maintain their workforce due to COVID-19 can furlough their employees and apply for a grant covering 80% of their usual monthly wage costs. • The grant covers wage costs of up to £2,500 a month plus the associated Employer National Insurance contributions and pensions contributions. • Pension contributions are up to the level of the minimum automatic enrolment employer pension contribution on the subsidised furlough pay. • The scheme is temporarily available for eight months, starting from 1 March 2020 until the end of October 2020. • The scheme will remain unchanged until August after which there will be greater flexibility to support the transition for employees to go back to work. • As of August, the government will ask employers to start sharing the cost of the salaries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All businesses whose operations have been severely affected by COVID-19. • Any entity with a UK payroll including businesses, charities, recruitment agencies and public authorities. • Apprentices can be furloughed in the same way as other employees and can continue to train while furloughed. • Organisations receiving public funding specifically to provide necessary services to respond to COVID-19 are not expected to furlough staff. • Individuals can furlough staff provided they pay them through PAYE and they were on their payroll on or before 19 March 2020. • The grant is not limited to employees and can be claimed for office holders, salaried members of LLPs, agency workers and limb (b) workers paid via PAYE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entities must have created and started a PAYE payroll scheme on or before 19 March 2020. • Employers must be enrolled for PAYE online. • Businesses must have a UK bank account. • Employees can be on any type of employment contract, including full-time, part-time, agency, flexible or zero-hour contracts. • If employers have made employees redundant on or after 28 February 2020, they can be re-employed and put on furlough. • If an employee is working on reduced hours or for reduced pay, they will not be eligible for the scheme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are through an online gateway which can be found here. • If a business uses an agent who is authorised to do PAYE online on its behalf, the agent can also claim under this scheme on the business' behalf. • If a business would like to use an agent, it can authorise manage its authorisations via HMRC online services. • Records of the amount claimed and the claim period for each employee must be kept for 6 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme is in place until October starting from 1 March 2020. • The scheme may be extended and employers can use the scheme anytime during the period it is available.

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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. 	Claims can be made as of now.
Deferral of Value Added Tax (VAT) Payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any VAT otherwise due to be accounted to HMRC between 20 March and 30 June 2020, is deferred until the end of the 2020-21 tax year. VAT refunds and reclaims will be paid by the government as normal. Repayments will not be offset against any deferred VAT but will be offset against any existing debts. The deferral does not cover payments for VAT Mini-One-Stop-Shop (MOSS) or import VAT. VAT payable after the end of the deferral period will need to be paid as normal. The deferred VAT must be paid on or before 31 March 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All UK VAT-registered businesses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A UK VAT registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deferral applies automatically and no application is necessary. VAT returns must still be submitted as normal. Where VAT is paid by direct debit, businesses will need to cancel the DD for the deferral period. They will also need to set it up again as soon as the deferral period is over. 	The VAT deferral scheme is available now.
Small Business Grant Fund	<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) or rural rates relief (RRR) and pay little to no business rates. One-off grant of £10,000, per property, to help meet ongoing business costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses in England currently in receipt of SBRR or RRR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business must be based in England. Similar schemes are available in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible companies will be contacted by their local authorities and do not need to formally apply. Any enquiries should be directed to the relevant local authority. Businesses should contact their local authority if they believe they are not getting a grant they are entitled to. 	Funding for the scheme will be provided to local authorities. Guidance for businesses has been published here .

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Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund and Relief from Business Rates (Retail, hospitality and leisure sector)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £25,000 grant, per property, will be provided to businesses operating from smaller premises, with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000. £10,000 grant, per property, will be provided to businesses operating from smaller premises, with a rateable value of up to and including £15,000. 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail, hospitality and leisure businesses. <p>Properties that will benefit from the relief will be occupied properties wholly/mainly used as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, restaurants, cafes, drinking establishments, cinemas, live music venues, properties for assembly and leisure, hotels, guest and boarding premises, and self-catering accommodation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business must be based in England. Similar schemes are available in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. 	<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. <p>A business rates calculator is available here to calculate the charge saved.</p> <p>Any enquiries on cash grants should be directed to the relevant local authority.</p> <p>Businesses should contact their local authority if they believe they are not getting a relief they are entitled to.</p>	<p>Funding for the Grant Fund scheme will be provided to local authorities. Guidance for businesses has been published here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Rates Relief applies to your business rates bills for the 2020 to 2021 tax year
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. This allows businesses and individuals to enter an agreement to pay outstanding tax liabilities in instalments, over a period of time, with the possibility of delaying the first payment for up to 3 months. 	<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 with outstanding tax liabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calls can be to HMRC's dedicated helpline on 0800 024 1222 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm). 	<p>Calls can be made as of now.</p>

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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. • The scheme covers all types of employment contracts, including full-time employees, part-time employees, employees on agency contracts and employees on flexible or zero-hour contracts. • Employers can claim back from both the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme for the same employee but not for the same period of time for that employee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses must be UK based. • Business must be an SME. • Businesses must have a PAYE payroll scheme that was created/ started on or before 28 February 2020. • Businesses must maintain records of the statutory sick payments for at least 3 years following a claim. <p>SMEs:</p> <p>A company is considered an SME if it meets two out of three of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turnover of less than £25 million • Fewer than 250 employees as at 28 February 2020, 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. • The scheme covers period of sickness starting on or after 13 March 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. • The claim amount should not take a business above the state aid limit under the EU Commission temporary framework, when combined with other aid received under the framework. For most businesses the maximum level of state aid that may be received is €800,000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rebate scheme is being developed and further details will be available once the relevant legislation is passed. • Records of all statutory sick payments will need to be kept including: reasons why an employee could not work, details of each period when an employee could not work including start and end dates, details of the SSP qualifying days when an employee could not work, National Insurance numbers of all employees SSP has been paid to. 	<p>The government will be working to set up the repayment as soon as possible. No date has been set yet.</p>

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Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme allows people who are self-employed or a member of a partnership to claim a taxable grant worth 80% of trading profits up to a maximum of £2,500 per month for the for 3 months. • The grant is paid out in a single instalment and capped at £7,500 altogether. • The grant does not need to be repaid but will be subject to Income Tax and self-employed National Insurance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have submitted an Income Tax Self Assessment tax return for 2018-19 tax year. • Must have traded in 2019-20 tax year. • Must either be trading when applying or would be trading were it not for COVID-19. • Must intend to continue trading in 2020-21 tax year. • Must have lost trading/ partnership profits as a result of COVID-19. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-employed trading profits must be less than £50,000. • More than half the person's income must come from self-employment. This test can be met if at least one or both of the following conditions applies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Having trading profits/ partnership trading profits in 2018-19 of less than £50,000 and these profits constitute more than half of total taxable income. – Having average trading profits in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 of less than £50,000 and these profits constitute more than half of average taxable income in same period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMRC will work out who is eligible and how much grant they are eligible to get. <p>Claims can be made through an online service found here.</p>	This scheme has now launched.
Coronavirus Funding for Frontline Charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government has set out a £750 million package of support to provide funding for frontline charities. • The funding is to ensure charities providing vital services can continue to do so during the COVID-19 pandemic. • Charities will benefit from direct cash grants to ensure they can meet increased demand resulting from COVID-19. • £360 million will be directly allocated by government departments to charities providing key services and supporting vulnerable people. • £370 million is envisaged for small and medium-sized charities working to the benefit of local communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK charities providing vital services during the COVID-19 pandemic, including hospices and support for domestic abuse victims. • Charities benefiting from the funding include hospices, victim charities, St John Ambulance, vulnerable children charities and Citizens Advice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must provide a service considered vital during the pandemic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government departments are working to identify priority recipients. 	The funding was announced on 8 April 2020.

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