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## CORONAVIRUS JOB RETENTION SCHEME



This scheme has been designed to protect jobs and reduce the number of employees made redundant due to the coronavirus outbreak. The scheme has been extended until the end of April 2021.

If your business has closed or is struggling due to the pandemic, you can apply to furlough employees (put them on temporary leave) rather than make them redundant.

Once furloughed, the UK Government will provide a grant to cover 80% of the wages of these employees up to a maximum of £2,500 a month, as well as the National Insurance and pension contributions that go with this subsidised furlough salary.

### Eligibility

If you are an employer who has:

- created and started a PAYE payroll scheme on or before 19 March 2020
- is enrolled for PAYE online
- has a UK bank account

Any person, business or other entity with employees can apply, including charities, recruitment agencies and public authorities.

You can only furlough those who were employed and on your payroll by 19 March 2020. This means you must have submitted an RTI to HMRC indicating a payment for this employee on or before 19 March 2020.

You can claim for employees on any type of employment contract, including full-time, part-time, agency, flexible or zero-hour contracts. Foreign nationals and employees on any form of work visa are also eligible

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