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Information for Businesses in Scotland

New guidance has been added to the government webpage on supports for Scotland.



Businesses in Scotland may be eligible for support from both the UK and Scottish governments.

Find coronavirus financial support for your business

Physical distancing for businesses

Business in Scotland should follow the Scottish Government guidelines for the COVID [protection level \(tier\) for their local area](#).

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

The UK Government's [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#) has been extended until the end of April 2021. The scheme covers every part of the UK, and means the UK Treasury will pay employees 80% of their salary for hours not worked.

Support for the self-employed

More than 157,000 self-employed people in Scotland have benefited from £777 million of grants from the UK Government's [Self-Employed Income Support Scheme](#). The scheme has been extended to April 2021.

The grants are taxable income and also subject to National Insurance contributions.

Tax support

The UK Government has [cut VAT for the tourism and hospitality sectors by 15% until the end of March 2021](#).

UK Government also offers [support for businesses struggling to pay tax](#).

Small businesses and employers across the UK who have paid statutory sick pay to staff taking coronavirus-related leave can [claim back the money](#).

Loan support for small and medium businesses

A new government-backed loan scheme launched 6 April to provide additional finance to those businesses that need help. Loans will include 80% government guarantee and interest rate cap.

With non-essential retail and outdoor hospitality reopening, businesses – ranging from coffee shops and restaurants to hairdressers and gyms can access loans varying in size from £25,000, up to a maximum of £10 million. Invoice and asset finance is available from £1,000.

The Recovery Loan Scheme will ensure businesses continue to benefit from Government-guaranteed finance throughout 2021.

See: [Recovery Loan Scheme launches today - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Scottish Government support for businesses

Scottish Government coronavirus business support and advice is available at the [Find Business Support website](#).

The screenshot shows the website FindBusinessSupport.gov.scot. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Browse support, Coronavirus, Brexit, and Contact us. The main heading is "Coronavirus support and advice for businesses in Scotland". Below this, it states "All funding and guidance for your business". There are two main sections: "Grants and funding" with a sub-heading "Search and filter all the funding options to help your business during the coronavirus pandemic." and a button for "Coronavirus funding"; and "Guidance for your business" with a sub-heading "Search and filter all the guidance that applies to your business during lockdown." and a button for "Coronavirus guidance".

The webpage also covers general guidelines for individuals and families.

See: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Information for individuals and businesses in Scotland - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Please contact us if you need help with applying for government supports. We are here to support you during these tough times.