

Help for Businesses – COVID 19

In light of the current situation regarding the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19), please find below links to current information issued that you may find useful for your business and continuity.

The **Welsh Government** has announced a £200 million support package for small businesses to help during the Coronavirus crisis.

Measures include:

- Shops, leisure and hospitality businesses with a rateable value of £51,000 or less to receive 100 per cent business rate relief
- Pubs with a rateable value of between £51,000 and £100,000 to receive a £5,000 reduction on their bill

The Welsh Government also says a further £100 million will be made available for a new grant scheme for small businesses not eligible for this new business rate relief.

Details will be published on www.gov.wales as soon as they're available.

In terms of **Department for Work and Pensions** support for employers, here is a useful link (via GOV.UK): https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-support-for-employees-benefit-claimants-and-businesses?utm_source=37472ed5-c0b4-4625-8801-549259dc908d&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Further and complementary advice can also be found on the **Business Wales Website**: <https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice> <https://businesswales.gov.wales/news-and-blogs/news/emergency-support-businesses-hit-coronavirus>

Visit Wales also provide some specific advice for tourism businesses regarding the situation. This can be found by following: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALES/bulletins/280805d>

We should all help protect ourselves and our communities by following **Public Health Wales** advice <https://phw.nhs.wales/coronavirus>

We are also starting to see banks such as Lloyds Banking Group offer packages of support their press release and information can be found by following:

<https://www.lloydsbankinggroup.com/globalassets/documents/media/press-releases/lloyds-banking-group/2020/covid-19-support-for-businesses.pdf>

HMRC has issued a helpline for businesses concerned about being able to pay your tax due to COVID-19. Access this dedicated helpline on 0800 0159 559

HMRC can be found by following <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19>