

COVID-19

OTHER SOURCES OF SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENT / **BRIEFING NOTE**

Business Support Helpline

If you want to talk to someone about how the government schemes apply to your business, you can contact the Government's Business Support Helpline for free advice:

England: 0300 456 3565 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm)

Scotland: 0300 303 0660 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm)

Wales: 0300 060 3000 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm)

Northern Ireland: 0800 181 4422 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm)

HMRC Helpline

HMRC have additional helplines, including one set up to support businesses and self-employed people concerned about not being able to pay their tax due to coronavirus on 0800 0159 559.

Also, HMRC are delivering a programme of webinars on measures to support employers, employees and the self-employed through this period of disruption caused by COVID-19:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/HMRCgovuk>

You can also attend future free webinars to learn more about the support available to help you deal with the economic impacts of coronavirus.

Growth Hubs

You can also find free support, advice and information on sources of finance through your local Growth Hub. Find your Growth hub here: <https://www.lepnetwork.net/local-growth-hub-contacts/>

Find a Job service

For those businesses that find themselves needing to increase their workforce as a result of the outbreak, such as those in food logistics, preparation and retail, remember to post vacancies on:

<https://www.gov.uk/advertise-job>

New technology challenge to support people who are isolating

£500,000 of funding is available for technology companies who come up with digital support solutions for people who need to stay at home because of coronavirus.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-technology-challenge-to-support-people-who-are-isolating>

Support from Business Representative Organisations and Trade Associations

The Government is speaking to business representative organisations daily to better understand and respond to business needs. Each sector has its own organisation that you can search for online:

Organisation	Find out more
Advertising Association (AA)	https://www.adassoc.org.uk
Aerospace, Defence, Security and Space (ADS)	https://www.adsgroup.org.uk/industry-issues/coronavirus-covid-19-hub/
Airport Operators Association (AOA)	http://www.aoa.org.uk/COVID-19/
Arts Council England	https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19
Association of the British HealthTech Industries (ABHI)	https://www.abhi.org.uk/what-we-do/abhi-covid-19-hub/
Association of British Insurers (ABI)	https://www.abi.org.uk/products-and-issues/topics-and-issues/coronavirus-hub/
Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)	https://www.abpi.org.uk/medicine-discovery/covid-19/
Association for Consultancy and Engineering	https://www.acenet.co.uk/news/ace-news/coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/
Association for Decentralised Energy (the ADE)	https://www.theade.co.uk
Association of Independent Museums and Museums Association	https://www.museumsassociation.org/home
Association of Independent Professionals and the Self-Employed (IPSE)	https://www.ipse.co.uk/coronavirus-hub.html
Association of Labour Providers	https://labourproviders.org.uk
Association of Professional Staffing Companies Ltd (APSCo)	Contact info@apsco.org
British Chambers of Commerce (BCC)	https://www.britishchambers.org.uk/page/coronavirus?k=30cdfbcf8e205792be8adadf43630166035c27d5
British Frozen Food Federation	http://bff.co.uk
British Ports Association	https://www.britishports.org.uk/coronavirus
British Retail Consortium (BRC)	Contact Tom Ironside, Director of Business & Regulation (tom.ironside@brc.org.uk)
Build UK	https://builduk.org/coronavirus/
Chartered Management Institute (CMI)	https://www.managers.org.uk/insights/leading-through-uncertainty
Chemical Industries Association (CIA)	https://www.cia.org.uk/COVID-19
Confederation of Business Industry (CBI)	https://www.cia.org.uk/COVID-19
Construction Industry Training Board (CITB)	https://www.citb.co.uk/urgent-messages/
Country, Land and Business Association (CLA)	https://www.cla.org.uk

Organisation	Find out more
Energy UK	https://www.energy-uk.org.uk/our-work/covid-19-information-hub.html
Engineering and Machinery Alliance	Email initially info@eama.info to be linked to sector specialists.
Enterprise Nation	https://www.enterprisenation.com/coronavirus-support/
Federation of Small Businesses	https://www.fsb.org.uk/campaign/covid19.html
Freight Transport Association (FTA)	https://fta.co.uk/coronavirus
Food and Drink Federation (FDF)	To get in touch, use this email: Covid19enquiry@fdf.org.uk
Institute of Directors	https://www.iod.com/iod-coronavirus-support-hub
The Law Society of England and Wales	https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/support-services/coronavirus/
Make UK	https://www.makeuk.org/news-and-events/news/2020/02/27/coronavirus-covid19-update-to-pay-or-not-to-pay
Management Consultancies Association (MCA)	https://www.mca.org.uk/covid-19/
The Motorsport Industry Association (MIA)	To get advice, contact Julia on julia.schumacher@the-mia.com
National Farmers Union (NFU)	https://www.nfuonline.com/news/coronavirus-updates-and-advice/coronavirus-news/covid-19-business-impact/?utm_source=govuk&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=covid19
National Museum Directors Council - Museums	https://www.nationalmuseums.org.uk
Oil & Gas UK (OGUK)	https://oilandgasuk.co.uk/covid-19/
Recruitment and Employment Confederation (REC)	covidsupport@rec.uk.com
Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)	https://www.architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/knowledge-landing-page/coronavirus-covid-19-advice
Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT)	https://www.architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/knowledge-landing-page/coronavirus-covid-19-advice
TechUK	https://www.techuk.org/covid-19-information-hub
TechWorks	To get advice, use this email: info@techworks.org.uk
UK Finance	https://www.ukfinance.org.uk/covid-19
UK Hospitality	To get in touch contact: CV19@ukhospitality.org.uk
UKspace	If you would like to get in touch, please contact covid19@ukspace.org
UK Sport	https://www.uksport.gov.uk