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Please note that all information and weblinks provided in this document were correct at the time of version publication. As the Covid-19 pandemic and all business support measures evolve, the contents of this document will change rapidly. We intend to issue revised versions as quickly as possible to take into account any updates to the announced measures.

The Growth Hub team



Business Support Interventions in the Humber for Covid-19 Response



<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>When</u>			
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Finance – Grants & Loans to Businesses						
Business Rates Cash Grants	£25,000	<p><u>Government Backed</u></p> <p><u>Hull City Council Rates Team</u> Hull based businesses that believe they are eligible for these grants can apply here: tinyurl.com/ubq7j4t</p> <p><u>ERYC Rates Team</u> East Yorkshire based businesses that believe they are eligible for these grants can apply here: tinyurl.com/s8tnch9</p> <p><u>North Lincs Rate Team</u> North Lincolnshire based businesses that believe they are eligible for these grants can apply here: tinyurl.com/rdzowxc</p>	<p>Cash grant of up to £25K for all retail, hospitality and leisure business in commercial premises with a rateable value <u>between £15,001 and £50,999.99</u></p> <p>This grant is <u>in addition to</u> the 100% rates relief holiday (<i>as detailed below</i>)</p> <p>This this grant <u>will not</u> be available to businesses that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not operate from a commercial premises with a rateable value (i.e. a business that trade from a home/residential address) - Operate in a sector other than retail, hospitality and leisure. - Operate from a premises with a rateable value below £15,001 or above £50,999.99 - Operate from a premises where they <u>are not the rate payer</u> (for example businesses in managed/serviced commercial premises where the rates are paid by the landlord) <p><u>Charities that would otherwise meet the criteria</u> for this grant but whose bill for 11 March had been reduced to nil by a local discretionary award <u>should still be considered eligible</u> for this grant.</p>			

		<p><u>North East Lincs Rates Team</u> North East Lincolnshire based businesses that believe they are eligible for these grants can apply here: https://tinyurl.com/qvfvvt</p>	<p>Check the Growth Hub's dedicated guidance note for this grant here: www.humbergrowthhub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Growth-Hub-Business-Rates-Grants-Crib-Sheet-v3.pdf</p>	<p>Available to apply for now (Council's aim to process and make grant payment within 3 working days of receipt of application)</p>
<p>£10,000</p>			<p>£10k cash grant for all businesses of any sector, in commercial premises that are eligible for small business rate relief (SBRR) or rural rate relief (with rateable value below £15k)</p> <p>This grant is in addition to the 100% rates relief holiday (<i>as detailed below</i>)</p> <p>This this grant will not be available to businesses that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not operate from a commercial premises with a rateable value (i.e. a business that trade from a home/residential address) - Operate from a premises with a rateable value above £15,000 - Operate from a premises where they are not the rate payer (for example businesses in managed/serviced commercial premises where the rates are paid by the landlord and not the tenant businesses) <p>Check the Growth Hub's dedicated guidance note for this grant here: www.humbergrowthhub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Growth-Hub-Business-Rates-Grants-Crib-Sheet-v3.pdf</p>	

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<p>Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Grant</p>	<p>Government Backed Delivered by HMRC</p> <p>More information here: www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme</p>	<p>All employers will receive a grant to cover 80% of each employee's wages up to a total of £2,500 per month per employee, plus the associated Employer National Insurance contributions and minimum automatic enrolment employer pension contributions on that wage.</p> <p>This grant will be backdated to 01 March 2020 and will run for 3 months, and may be extended if necessary.</p> <p>To be eligible to make a claim an employer must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created and started a PAYE payroll scheme before 28 February 2020 • Enrolled for PAYE online (can take up to 10 days) • A UK bank account. <p>Employers will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with staff and make any changes to employment contracts by agreement and this is subject to current employment law. • Employers must confirm in writing to their employees that they have been furloughed. A record of this must be kept for 5 years. • Submit the following information to HMRC through a new online portal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Your e-PAYE reference number 	<p>Staff can be furloughed effective 01 March 2020</p> <p>HMRC online portal to claim first grant payment expected by end of April 2020</p> <p>Announced Friday 20 March 2020</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of staff being furloughed ○ The claim period (Start and end date) ○ Amount claimed ○ Bank account number and sort code ○ Contact name ○ Contact phone number <p>The online portal that is used to claim is not yet available. It is expected to be available by the end of April 2020.</p> <p>This scheme has various criteria and nuances so it is strongly recommended that the gov.uk webpage for the scheme is interrogated here.</p>	
<p>Self-Employment Income Support Scheme Grant</p>	<p>Government Backed Delivered by HMRC More information here: www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme</p>	<p>The government will pay self-employed people who have been adversely affected by the coronavirus a taxable grant worth 80% of their average monthly profits over the last 3 years, up to a maximum of £2,500 per month. This will be available for the next 3 months.</p> <p>The scheme is only open to those with trading profits up to £50,000 who make more than half of their income from self-employment. Only those in self-employment with a tax return for 2018-19 tax year and that have traded in the tax year 2019-20 can apply</p>	<p>First grant payment expected before Monday 01 June</p>

		<p>HMRC are urgently working on setting up the grant scheme. It is expected to be operational <u>no later than the beginning of June 2020.</u></p> <p>This is an automatic offer – <u>the self-employed do not need to apply.</u> HMRC will contact the self-employed that they believe are eligible for this grant and make a payment direct to the person bank account.</p> <p>Anyone who <u>missed the 2018-19 tax return filing deadline</u> on 31 January 2020 <u>have until 23 April 2020 to submit their tax return</u> in order to benefit from this scheme.</p> <p>This scheme has various criteria and nuances so it is strongly recommended that the gov.uk webpage for the scheme is interrogated here.</p>	<p>Announced Thursday 26 March 2020</p>
<p>Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) <i>for SMEs</i></p>	<p><u>Government & British Business Bank backed</u> All major banks taking part.</p> <p>More information here: /www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme</p> <p>The 40 participating lenders can be seen here: www.british-business-bank.co.uk/ourpartners/supporting-business-loans-enterprise-finance-guarantee/efg-accredited-lenders/</p>	<p>Loans and overdrafts of between £1,000 & £5 million <u>available to SMEs</u> (with ≤£45 million T/O) that have a sound borrowing proposal, but insufficient security to meet a lender's normal requirements. The first 12 months of the credit facility will be interest free.</p> <p>In order to access the scheme, businesses should contact their finance provider, not the British Business Bank.</p> <p>Government (via British Business Bank) will guarantee 80% of the eligible lending to give lenders (banks) confidence to keep lending to businesses. There will be no fee for lenders of borrower to receive this guarantee.</p> <p><u>Personal guarantees are no longer being sought</u></p>	<p>Available Now (from Monday 23 March)</p>

		<p><u>by lends for any loan application up to a value of £250,000.</u> Applications for loans above this amount will however be subject to personal guarantees.</p> <p>Access to the scheme has now been <u>opened up to smaller businesses facing cashflow difficulties who previously would not have been eligible</u> for CBILS because they met the requirements for a standard commercial facility.</p> <p>Businesses should <u>speak to their bank at the earliest possible opportunity</u> to discuss the possible need and use of this loan.</p> <p>This scheme has various and specific criteria and nuances so it is strongly recommended that the British Business Bank webpage for the scheme is interrogated here.</p>	
<p>COVID-19 Corporate Financing Facility (CCFF) Loan</p>	<p><u>Government backed</u> Administered via the Bank of England</p> <p>More information here: www.businesssupport.gov.uk/covid-19-corporate-financing-facility/</p> <p>Instructions on how to apply can be found here: www.bankofengland.co.uk/new</p>	<p>To support <u>larger firms (FTSE 100 & 'Investment Grade')</u>, the CCFF will offer financing on terms comparable to those prevailing in markets in the period before the Covid-19 economic shock, and will be <u>open to firms that can demonstrate they were in sound financial health prior to the shock</u>. The facility will look through temporary impacts on firms' balance sheets and cash flows by basing eligibility on firms' credit ratings prior to the Covid-19 shock. <u>Only businesses that can access the 'Commercial Paper' market can apply</u>, however business <u>do not</u> need to have previously issued commercial paper in</p>	<p>Available Now (from Monday 23 March)</p>

	s/2020/march/the-covid-corporate-financing-facility	<p>order to participate.</p> <p>The scheme will operate for at least 12 months and for as long as steps are needed to relieve cash flow pressures on firms that make a material contribution to the UK economy. The Bank will provide 6 months' notice of the withdrawal of the Facility.</p> <p>This is not available to SMEs – SMEs should instead access the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme for SMEs</p>	
<p>ICT for Growth Grant – <i>Supporting Home Working</i></p>	<p>Humber Business Growth Hub Email: Business.Investment@hulcc.gov.uk</p>	<p>Grants to cover 40% of the cost of essential hardware and software required to enable homeworking of staff, of proposals totalling £2,500 to £24,999.</p> <p>Available to SMEs (with less than 250 FTE staff and ≤€50 million turnover) only.</p> <p>An application form, last two years of company accounts, a bank statement and one written quote for the required goods are needed. Growth Hub Advisor support available to complete the application and collate supporting documentation.</p> <p>Grants will be offered within 3 working days of receipt of application.</p>	<p>Available Now</p>
<p>Business Growth Grant - <i>Supporting access to Contingency Planning & Crisis Management Advice and Consultancy</i></p>	<p>Humber Business Growth Hub Email: bgs@humberlep.org</p>	<p>Grants to cover 40% of the cost of working with a specialist/advisor/consultant to help mitigate the business operations impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on your business, of projects totalling £2,500 to £12,500.</p> <p>Available to SMEs (with less than 250 FTE staff and ≤€50 million turnover) only.</p>	<p>Available Now</p>

		<p>An application form, last two years of company accounts, a bank statement and one written quote for the required goods/service are needed. Growth Hub Advisor support available to complete the application and collate supporting documentation.</p> <p>Grants will be offered within 3 working days of receipt of application.</p>	<p>Available Now</p>
<p>Finance for Growth Grant – <i>Supporting access to Financial Advice & Consultancy</i></p>	<p><u>Humber Business Growth Hub</u> Email: Business.Investment@hullcc.gov.uk</p>	<p>Grants to cover 40% of the cost of working with a specialist/advisor/consultant to help mitigate the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on your business, of projects totalling £2,500 to £24,999.</p> <p>Available to SMEs (with less than 250 FTE staff and ≤€50 million turnover) only.</p> <p>An application form, last two years of company accounts, a bank statement and one written quote for the required goods/service are needed. Growth Hub Advisor support available to complete the application and collate supporting documentation.</p> <p>Grants will be offered within 3 working days of receipt of application.</p>	
<p>Grants for Business-Led Innovation in Response to Global Disruption</p>	<p><u>Innovate UK</u></p> <p><u>More information and application form here:</u></p>	<p>UK businesses can apply for grants of between £25,000 and £50,000 to cover 100% of the cost of projects that respond to new and urgent needs in UK and global communities during and following the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	

	<p>www.apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/covid19/overview.html?_ga=2.132369614.1982696048.1586162897-118536241.1578388957</p>	<p>Businesses can apply for grants to help develop new ways of working and enhance certain industries including delivery services, food manufacturing, retail and transport.</p> <p>Applicants must demonstrate both realistic and significant benefits for society (including communities, families and individuals) or an industry that has been severely impacted and/or permanently disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Proposals must focus on a clear need and the proposed innovation must address it.</p>	<p>Available Now (Applications opened Friday 03 April Applications closes Friday 17 April)</p>
<p>Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) Refund for SMEs</p>	<p>Government Backed Administered via HMRC</p> <p>More information here: www.businesssupport.gov.uk/statutory-sick-pay-rebate/</p> <p><u>UPDATE</u> https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-back-statutory-sick-pay-paid-to-employees-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19</p>	<p>Refund will cover up to 2 weeks' SSP per eligible employee who has been off work because of COVID-19.</p> <p><u>Eligible for business the classed as an SME (≤250 staff) on 28 February 2020 only.</u></p> <p>Employers will be able to reclaim expenditure for any employee who has claimed SSP (according to the new eligibility criteria) as a result of COVID-19</p> <p><u>Employers should maintain records of staff absences</u> and payments of SSP, but employees <u>will not</u> need to provide a GP fit note. If evidence is required by the employer, those with symptoms of Covid-19 can get an 'isolation note' from NHS 111 online.</p> <p>The rebate scheme is currently being developed – the Government will work with employers to set the payment system up in the coming weeks and months.</p>	<p>New measures effective from Friday 13 March 2020</p> <p>Government will work with employers over the coming months to set up the repayment mechanism for employers as soon as possible</p>

<p>Benefits for the self-employed</p>	<p><u>Government Backed</u> Administered via DWP</p> <p>www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-those-affected-by-covid-19/support-for-those-affected-by-covid-19</p>	<p><u>Self-employed people are unlikely to be eligible for Statutory Sick Pay</u>, however the Government is making it easier for the self-employed to make a claim for Universal Credit or Contributory Employment and Support Allowance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the duration of the Covid-19 outbreak, the requirements of <u>the Universal Credit minimum income floor will be temporarily removed</u> for the self-employed who have COVID-19 or are self-isolating. This will allow the self-employed to access Universal Credit at a rate equivalent to the SSP. • Universal Credit standard allowance will <u>increase by £1,000</u> for the next 12 months. • People will be able to claim Universal Credit and access advance payments upfront <u>without the current requirement to attend a Jobcentre</u> if they are advised to self-isolate. 	<p>Available Now (effective from 13 March 2020)</p>
<p>Insurance Payments</p>	<p><u>Insurance Providers</u></p>	<p>Businesses that have cover for both pandemics and government-ordered closure should be covered, as the government and insurance industry confirmed on 17 March 2020 that advice to avoid pubs, theatres etc. is sufficient to make a claim.</p> <p>Insurance policies differ significantly, so <u>businesses are encouraged to check the terms and conditions of their specific policy</u> and contact their providers. <u>Most businesses are unlikely to be covered,</u> as</p>	<p>Available Now (effective from 17 March 2020)</p>

		<p>standard business interruption insurance policies are dependent on damage to property and will exclude pandemics.</p> <p>Government has advised the following:</p> <p><u>Notifiable Diseases</u> Many insurers use diseases on this list as triggers for the activation or exclusion of insurance cover. For example, insurers' policies that cover notifiable diseases will typically only cover a specific subset of notifiable diseases that the insurer will reference in the policy documentation. These policies will exclude any notifiable disease not on the insurers list, as well as future/unknown diseases (such as COVID-19). The price that the insurer charges for the policy is modelled against the risk posed by this set list of diseases.</p> <p><u>Unspecified Notifiable Diseases</u> Some businesses will have purchased add-ons for their insurance that cover for 'unspecified notifiable diseases'. These policies effectively cover any disease listed as a notifiable disease, enabling the business to claim for losses for all notifiable diseases as well as from diseases that are unknown at the point the policy is written.</p> <p>The effect of the government adding COVID-19 to its list of notifiable diseases is to ensure that businesses with unspecified notifiable disease cover are able to make a claim – subject to the terms and conditions in their policy. For example, someone infected with COVID-19 may need to have been on the premises.</p>	
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		www.abi.org.uk/products-and-issues/topics-and-issues/coronavirus-ga	
<p>Commercial Banking Finance and Other Measures</p>	<p><u>High Street Banks</u> <i>(Various)</i></p>	<p>The majority of UK Banks are offering various new finance packages and altered terms, conditions, and fees. Some examples of the measures currently announced are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiving fees & interest on overdrafts for business customers with turnover up to £250,000 • Arrangement fee-free loan finance available • Loan repayment holidays • Interest rate reductions • Short-term support through reduced or deferred payments for mortgages • Longer-term support through extending the remaining term of mortgages, switching rates • Option of a temporary increase in credit card and overdraft limits <p>The relationship/business managers of most banks are already speaking directly with businesses most likely to be impacted.</p> <p>Businesses should speak to their bank in the first instance to discuss any financial requirement that they might have.</p> <p><u>Bank of Scotland</u> business.bankofscotland.co.uk/business-home/coronavirus.html</p> <p><u>Barclays</u> www.barclays.co.uk/business-banking/coronavirus</p>	<p>Available Now</p>

		<p><u>HSBC</u> www.hsbc.co.uk/help/coronavirus/#support-businesses</p> <p><u>Lloyds</u> www.lloydsbank.com/business/coronavirus.html</p> <p><u>NatWest</u> www.business.natwest.com/business/support-centre/service-status/coronavirus.html</p> <p><u>Royal Bank of Scotland</u> www.business.rbs.co.uk/business/support-centre/service-status/coronavirus.html</p> <p><u>Santander</u> www.santander.co.uk/personal/coronavirus</p> <p><u>TSB</u> www.tsb.co.uk/coronavirus/</p> <p><u>Yorkshire Bank</u> secure.ybonline.co.uk/personal/coronavirus-information/</p>	
<p>Grants for Frontline Charities</p>	<p><u>Government backed</u> Administered via The Treasury</p>	<p>Grants totalling £360 million will be directly allocated by government departments to charities providing key services and supporting vulnerable people during the crisis.</p>	

	<p>Webpage here: www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-sets-out-extra-750-million-coronavirus-funding-for-frontline-charities?utm_source=6ae03209-19d8-4f49-b55a-3eb0cf3cebcd&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily</p>	<p>Charities providing vital services and helping vulnerable people through the current crisis will benefit from the £360 million allocated by government departments. These will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospices • St Johns Ambulance • victims charities, including domestic abuse • Vulnerable children charities • Citizens Advice <p>Government departments are working at pace to identify priority recipients, with the aim for charities to receive money in the coming weeks.</p>	<p>Identified Charities will receive the grants in the coming weeks (Announced 08 April 2020)</p>
<p>Grants for Small & Medium Charities</p>	<p>Government backed Administered via The Treasury</p> <p>www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-sets-out-extra-750-million-coronavirus-funding-for-frontline-charities?utm_source=6ae03209-19d8-4f49-b55a-3eb0cf3cebcd&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily</p>	<p>Grants totalling £370 million will also be allocated for small and medium-sized charities to support organisations at the heart of local communities which are making a big difference during the outbreak, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those delivering food • those provide essential medicines • those providing financial advice <p>The grants will be made via the National Lottery Community Fund for charities in England, and the application system is expected to be operational in the coming weeks.</p>	<p>The application system for the National Lottery Community Fund grant pot is expected to be operational within the coming weeks (Announced 08 April 2020)</p>
<p>Coronavirus Community Grant Fund</p>	<p>Two Ridings Community Foundation Hull & East Riding <u>only</u></p>	<p>100% grants up to £2,000 to deal with emerging issues in the community as a result of the continuing threat of coronavirus. Fund will support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community organisations that are preparing 	<p>Available Now (effective from 18 March 2020)</p>

	<p>Webpage here: https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/fund/coronavirus-community-fund/</p>	<p>themselves to appropriately respond and continue their work in a difficult work environment, and to tailor their specialist services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of advice and support initiatives to fill gaps for people and places where there's no current services • Groups that provide vital community support to maintain some level of viability through these uncertain times where they are experiencing a significant loss of income <p>Must be a voluntary organisation, community group, small charity or other not for profit organisation with at least 3 unrelated management committee members.</p>	
<p>Coronavirus Charity Help Fund Grants</p>	<p><u>Martin Lewis</u></p> <p>Webpage here: https://blog.moneysavingexpert.com/2020/03/i-m-making-p1m-available-to-fund-urgent-small-charity-coronaviru/</p>	<p>Grants of £5,000 to £20,000 to small registered charities, or local arms of bigger charities, across the UK – to help with specific UK coronavirus-related poverty relief projects.</p> <p>Examples could include foodbanks, charities engaged in community aid, financial advice help and more. Fund is looking for projects that are up and running, or are in the process of being set up – fund wants to deliver help at speed.</p> <p>Applicants can <u>only apply for funds for specific coronavirus projects</u></p>	<p>Applications closed 11:59pm Wednesday 25 March 2020</p> <p>Check weblink at left for update on possible re-opening of grant fund</p>
<p>Emergency Funding Package</p>	<p><u>Arts Council England</u></p>	<p>Arts Council England are making £160 million of</p>	

<p>- Grants for Arts Organisations</p>	<p>Webpage here: www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19?_cldee=anVsawUubGVhdGhlckBhcnRzY291bmNpbC5vcmcudWs%3d&recipientid=cont-act-3472d212dd35e511974c005056915655-7dece73f45464c3c8c9593a956a1d9d2&esid=92d617f2-e86d-ea11-bc4a-005056911737</p>	<p>emergency funding available for those organisations and individuals who will need it during this crisis, and have also changed the funding requirements for individuals and organisations currently in receipt of their funding.</p> <p>The funding has been allocated into the following three streams – please click on the relevant weblink for more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £90m available to National Portfolio organisations. Click here: www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid-19/financial-support-national-portfolio-organisations - £50m available to organisations outside of the National Portfolio. Grants of up to £35,000 will be available. Applications open Thursday 09 April and close Thursday 16 April. Click here: www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid-19/financial-support-organisations-outside-national-portfolio - £20m available to support artists, creative practitioners and freelancers. Grants of up to £2,500 will be available. Applications open Thursday 09 April and close Thursday 16 April. Click here: www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid-19/financial-support-artists-creative-practitioners-and-freelancers 	<p>Available Now Announced Tuesday 24 March</p>
<p>Film & TV Emergency Relief Fund Grants</p>	<p><u>British Film Institute and The Film & TV Charity</u></p> <p>Webpage here: www.bfi.org.uk/news-opinion/news-</p>	<p>The COVID-19 Film and TV Emergency Relief Fund will be administered by The Film and TV Charity with support from the BFI to help support the creative community.</p> <p>The precise eligibility criteria and level of individual</p>	<p>Launch Date Not Yet Known (Announced 09 April 2020)</p>

	<p>bfi/announcements/covid-19-film-tv-emergency-relief-fund</p>	<p>funding are still being worked on, but the fund will be open to those working in production, distribution and exhibition. To be the first to hear when the fund launches, applicants should register for the charity's mailing lists.</p> <p>Those in immediate and urgent need should apply for support via The Film and TV Charity's existing hardship fund, offering grants of up to £500 to provide stop-gap support. Click here for details on eligibility and how to apply.</p>	
<p>The Prince's Trust and NatWest Enterprise Relief Fund Grants</p>	<p><u>The Prince's Trust and NatWest</u></p> <p>Webpage here: www.princes-trust.org.uk/about-the-trust/coronavirus-response/enterprise-relief-fund</p>	<p>The £5million Enterprise Relief Fund offers grants to 18 to 30-year olds across the UK who are self-employed and/or running their own business. In conjunction with cash grants, the initiative will offer one-to-one support and guidance to anyone who needs it and who may be worried about their future.</p> <p>Grants can be used to maintain core business operations during the crisis, as well as meet any existing financial commitments, such as paying for essential equipment or settling invoices from suppliers. Additionally, grants will also support young people to diversify their business to respond to opportunities created by the crises.</p> <p>The initiative will offer one-to-one support and guidance to any applicants who need it.</p>	<p>Available Now</p>

		<p>To be eligible to apply, you must be a business owner aged 18 to 30, who set up their business in the last four years and don't have any other source of income during the crisis.</p> <p>Entrepreneurs aged 18-30 who are not eligible for the fund but find their businesses to be affected by coronavirus can contact The Prince's Trust for support. Every young person who gets in touch will be offered personalised one to one support to connect with mentors or build their skills.</p>	
<p>Small Grants to Support Children's Charities</p>	<p><u>Sylvia Adams Charitable Trust</u></p> <p>Webpage here: http://sylvia-adams.org.uk/what-we-will-fund/</p>	<p>Unrestricted grants of up to £5,000 will be available as one-off payments to assist registered charities in England and Wales.</p> <p>The fund will support work that will improve the reach to targeted groups of 0-3 year olds and that will bring about improved defined outcome for these targeted groups.</p> <p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have an income of less than £750,000 in last set of audited accounts - Demonstrate the likelihood of increased demand for their services and/or loss of income attributable to the pandemic. 	<p>Available Now (application close Tuesday 28 April 2020)</p>
<p>Rural Response Emergency Grants Programme</p>	<p><u>The Prince's Countryside Fund</u></p> <p>Webpage here: www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme</p>	<p>The Prince's Countryside Fund is inviting applications for emergency funding from farming and rural community support groups, who are providing assistance to counter the effects of isolation during the Coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>Groups can apply for grant funding of up to £2,500 if they:</p>	<p>Available Now (application close Wednesday 15 April 2020)</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are providing emergency relief to vulnerable or isolated individuals or; • are providing support to farmers and farm businesses affected by the Coronavirus pandemic or; • are helping rural or farming communities to cope with the Coronavirus pandemic 	
<p>Heritage Emergency Fund Grants</p>	<p><u>Heritage Lottery Fund</u></p> <p>Webpage here:</p> <p>www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/heritage-emergency-fund-launches-help-sector</p>	<p>Grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 will address immediate pressures over the next three-six months for those organisations most in need.</p> <p>It is available to organisations <u>across the full breadth of heritage</u>, including historic sites, industrial and maritime heritage, museums, libraries and archives, parks and gardens, landscapes and nature.</p> <p>Organisations which have received funding in the past or are either a current grantee, or still under contract following a previous grant, can apply.</p> <p>Priority will be given where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is limited or no access to other sources of support • where heritage is most at risk • where an organisation is at risk of severe financial crisis due to coronavirus (COVID-19) <p>Fund will open for applications within next few days (as at 08 April 2020)</p>	<p>Launch Date Not Yet Known (Announced 08 April 2020)</p>

<p>Facebook Small Business Grants</p>	<p>Facebook</p> <p>Webpage here: www.facebook.com/business/bost/grants</p>	<p>The grants will endeavour to help businesses that are experiencing disruptions in their cash flow.</p> <p>Facebook is offering approximately £84 million in cash grants and advertising credits on its ad platform for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses.</p> <p>The funding is intended to help firms in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covering operational costs. • Helping with rent costs. • Connecting with more customers. • Maintaining a strong workforce. <p>To be eligible businesses must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have between 2 & 50 staff - Have been trading for at least 12 months - Have faced challenges from Covid-19 <p>Facebook is still working through the application process for British business. This is expected to launch shortly.</p>	<p>Eligibility criteria published w/c 06 April</p> <p>Application form for British businesses expected to launch shortly.</p>
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Finance – Tax Holidays & Deferments

<p>100% Business Rates Holiday</p>	<p>Government Backed</p> <p>Hull City Council Rates Team www.hull.gov.uk/business/business-rates/small-business-rates-relief</p> <p>ERYC Rates Team www.eastriding.gov.uk/business</p>	<p>A 100% business rates holiday for all retail, hospitality and leisure businesses that operate from a commercial premises with any rateable value for the duration of the 2020-21 tax year.</p> <p><i>* See table at foot of document for full list of properties that will benefit from this rate holiday.</i></p>	<p>Guidance for Local Authorities published Wednesday 18 March</p> <p>Eligible businesses will be contacted by their local council rates team in</p>
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	<p>s/business-rates/billing-business-rates/#budget</p> <p>North Lincs Rate Team www.northlincs.gov.uk/jobs-business-and-regeneration/business-rates/</p> <p>North East Lincs Rates Team www.nelincs.gov.uk/business-and-investment/business-rates/</p>	<p>A 100% business rates holiday for nurseries for the duration of the 2020-21 tax year will also be available. Nurseries that occupy the following properties will be eligible for the business rates holiday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occupied by providers listed on Ofsted's Early Years Register - Wholly or mainly used for the provision of the Early Years Foundation Stage <p>This is an automatic offer - <u>businesses do not need to apply</u></p> <p>Businesses can estimate the business rate relief using the business rates calculator here</p>	<p>early April</p>
<p>Income Tax deferral</p>	<p>Government backed Overseen by HMRC</p> <p>More information here: www.businesssupport.gov.uk/deferral-of-self-assessment-payment/</p>	<p>For the <u>self-employed</u>, Income Tax payments due by 31 July 2020 under the Self-Assessment system will be <u>deferred to January 2021.</u></p> <p>This is an automatic offer – <u>the self-employed do not need to apply.</u></p> <p>No penalties or interest for late payment will be charged in the deferral period.</p>	<p>Effective Immediately <i>Announced Friday 20 March</i></p>
<p>VAT bill deferral</p>	<p>Government backed Overseen by HMRC</p> <p>More information here: www.businesssupport.gov.uk/</p>	<p><u>All VAT-registered businesses</u> can <u>defer their VAT payments</u> for the period 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2020.</p> <p>VAT bills accumulated during the stated deferral</p>	<p>Effective Immediately <i>Announced Friday 20 March</i></p>

	at-deferral/	<p>period will not be due for payment <u>until end of the financial year on 31 March 2021.</u></p> <p>This is an automatic offer - <u>businesses do not need to apply.</u></p>	Available Now
HMRC Time to Pay service – tax bill deferments and reductions	<p>HMRC Dedicated Helpline: 0800 0159 559</p> <p>More information here: www.businesssupport.gov.uk/time-to-pay/</p>	<p>Businesses in financial distress/with outstanding tax liabilities may be eligible to receive support with their tax affairs through HMRC’s Time To Pay service.</p> <p>These arrangements are agreed by HMRC on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>HMRC have recently scaled-up the Time to Pay service to all firms and individuals who are in temporary financial distress as a result of Covid-19 and that have outstanding tax bills.</p>	

Advice and Support

Support from Growth Hub Advisors	<p>General business information, advice and guidance from Growth Hub Business Advisors</p> <p><u>Free & Impartial</u></p>	<p><u>Humber Business Growth Hub</u></p> <p>All enquiries email: Growth.Hub@humberlep.org</p>	<p>Tailored information, advice and guidance available via telephone and email from a locally-based Growth Hub Business Advisor.</p> <p>Can advise and support on issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to access government support & funding - How to work on business contingency plans - How to work on business survival planning - How to manage workforce & staffing issues - How to implement new government guidance (i.e. changes to sick pay etc.) <p>Enquiries relating to <u>financial matters</u> will be dealt with <u>by the Finance Business Advisor team</u> (see</p>	Available Now
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	<p>Financial, cashflow, and liquidity management information, advice and guidance from Finance Business Advisors</p> <p><u>Free & Impartial</u></p>		<p>below)</p> <p>Call back from advisors <u>within 2 working days</u> of the enquiry being received.</p> <p>Finance, cashflow and liquidity advice and guidance support via telephone and email from locally-based Finance Business Advisor.</p> <p>Can advise and support on issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to manage cashflow and liquidity - Discuss the most suitable finance and funding available - How to create a financial survival plan <p>Enquiries relating to non-financial matters will be dealt with <u>by the Growth Hub Business Advisor team</u> (see above)</p> <p>Call back from advisors <u>within 2 working days</u> of the enquiry being received.</p>	<p>Available Now</p>
<p>Growth Hub Business Support Webinars</p>	<p>Covid-19 & My Business. What Do I Need To Do?!</p>	<p><u>Humber Business Growth Hub</u> Keep checking for latest webinars here: www.growmysme.co.uk/events</p>	<p>Runs every Wednesday 2-4pm</p> <p>This interactive webinar will explore the latest government and local council support that has been made available for businesses in the Humber region. In addition, this workshop will hear from specialist business consultants covering other key aspects that businesses need to cover to become resilient to the impacts of Covid-19 on their business, including finance, workforce and business operations &</p>	<p>Some webinars available now,</p>

	<p>Key Areas of Government Business Support & Practical Steps for Businesses</p> <p>Finding Opportunities in a Crisis: How to respond to COVID-19</p> <p>Remote Working – Making it Work!</p>		<p>continuity.</p> <p>Tue 14 April 2020 3:30pm - 4:30pm This webinar will provide information and guidance on the various business finance schemes announced by Government to support businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. You will receive practical steps for your business at this time, including managing cash and your workforce.</p> <p>Wed 15 April 2020 1pm - 2:30pm This webinar will look at how to identify the key problems faced, and will share a proven process for building solutions to these. This will help navigate not only the current disruption faced by businesses, but the longer-term challenge of remaining innovative and disruptive in a fast moving, digital-led commercial landscape.</p> <p>Friday 27 March 10am – 12pm This webinar will provide Humber based SMEs with a firm start point to begin planning how digital technology can help them continue to trade and operate in these hugely challenging times.</p> <p>Available for catch up viewing here: www.growmysme.co.uk/remote-working-making-it-work/</p>	<p>other to follow. Check www.growmysme.co.uk/events for more information</p>
<p>Guidance on Social Distancing in the Workplace</p>	<p>Government Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy</p>	<p>Sector by sector guidance specifically on how to maintain social distancing in the workplace.</p> <p>This webpage is updated on an ongoing basis:</p> <p>www.gov.uk/guidance/social-distancing-in-the-workplace-during-coronavirus-covid-19-sector-guidance</p>	<p>Available Now (web hosted advice)</p>	

<p>HMRC Webinars for Employers and Dealing with Employees</p>	<p><u>HMRC</u></p>	<p>These webinars hosted by HMRC provide an overview of the support available to help employers and their staff in addressing Coronavirus (COVID-19) – including the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, refunding eligible Statutory Sick Pay costs, furloughed employees and more.</p> <p>All future webinars can be viewed and booked onto here: register.gotowebinar.com/rt/870782828713010689?source=Mar-HMRC-DCS-Emp-2&utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn</p>	<p>Available Now (web hosted advice)</p>
<p>ACAS Advice for Employers <i>Includes webinars</i></p>	<p><u>ACAS</u></p>	<p>Dedicated advice for employers to cover a variety of Covid-19 related issues can be found on the ACAS website. Information, advice and guidance is also available over the phone for employers.</p> <p>ACAS can support with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to manager social distancing • Self-isolation and sick pay • Closing the workplace • Leave for staff • Covid-19 symptoms in the workplace • Best practice for employers <p>www.acas.org.uk/coronavirus</p> <p>Employers can also join a free ACAS webinar ‘Coronavirus – an advisory webinar for employers’.</p>	

		<p>The webinar provides practical advice for employers to help manage the impact of coronavirus in the workplace.</p> <p>It includes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • steps that can help reduce the spread of the virus • effective ways of communicating with employees • self-isolating, time off, sickness certification and sick pay • altering working hours, shift patterns and working arrangements • remote working and the use of technology <p>Register here: https://www.acas.org.uk/webinars</p>	
DiT Advice for Exporting Businesses	<u>Department for International Trade</u>	<p>Information, Advice and Guidance available for businesses that export. The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-uk-businesses/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-uk-businesses-trading-internationally</p>	Available Now
Social distancing in the workplace during coronavirus (COVID-19): sector guidance	<u>Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy</u>	<p>Information, Advice and Guidance available for social distancing in the workplace across various industries. The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>www.gov.uk/guidance/social-distancing-in-the-workplace-during-coronavirus-covid-19-sector-guidance#shops-running-a-pick-up-or-delivery-service</p>	Available Now

Public Health England – Guidance for Food Businesses	<u>Public Health England</u>	Information, Advice and Guidance available for food businesses. The webpage is updated on a regular basis: www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-food-businesses/guidance-for-food-businesses-on-coronavirus-covid-19	Available Now
Rural Payments Agency – Information for Farmers, Landowners and Rural Businesses.	<u>Rural Payments Agency</u>	Information, Advice and Guidance available for farmers, landowners and rural businesses. The webpage is updated on a regular basis: www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-food-businesses/guidance-for-food-businesses-on-coronavirus-covid-19 www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-farmers-landowners-and-rural-businesses	Available Now
Department for Education & ESFA – Guidance for Apprentice Employers	<u>Department for Education and the Education & Skills Funding Agency</u>	Information, Advice and Guidance available for businesses that employ apprentices. The webpage is updated on a regular basis: www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-food-businesses/guidance-for-food-businesses-on-coronavirus-covid-19 www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-apprenticeship-programme	Available Now

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<p>Business School Special Webinar Series on COVID-19</p>	<p><u>University of Hull – Business School</u></p>	<p><i>We would like to invite you to Hull University Business School Special Webinar Series on COVID-19. Over the next few weeks we will be hosting webinars for business, industry experts, corporate partners and valued members. These webinars will focus on a wide range of topics, from Resilience Management, Healthy working, Impact to Supply Chain and special panel sessions with key experts from across the globe.</i></p> <p>These webinars are free and open access so you may share the link with colleagues and friends.</p> <p>Health & Managing Stress: Working from Home https://register.gotoweinar.com/register/7373769584404074254</p> <p>COVID-19: Special Panel Session on impact to Business & Economy https://register.gotoweinar.com/register/6614739324356030987</p> <p>Resilience & Leadership https://register.gotoweinar.com/register/6865390592095288589</p>	<p>Webinars Commence from Wednesday 01 April 2020</p> <p><i>Available to book now</i></p>

Free Courses from the Open University	<u>The Open University</u>	<p>A variety of free online courses are available for business owners, managers and staff to take part in. Over 70 separate courses are available covering Business and Money topics.</p> <p>Courses can be viewed and accessed here: www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses</p>	Available Now
General Advice for Businesses from the CBI	<u>Confederation of British Industry (CBI)</u>	<p>General information, Advice and Guidance available for businesses The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>www.cbi.org.uk/coronavirus-hub/</p>	Available Now
General Advice for Businesses from the IoD	<u>Institute of Directors (IOD)</u>	<p>General information, Advice and Guidance available for businesses The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>www.iod.com/iod-coronavirus-support-hub</p>	Available Now
General Advice for Businesses from the FSB	<u>Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)</u>	<p>General information, Advice and Guidance available for businesses The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>www.fsb.org.uk/campaign/covid19.html</p>	Available Now
General Advice for Businesses from Enterprise Nation	<u>Enterprise Nation</u>	<p>General information, Advice and Guidance available for businesses The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>www.enterprisenation.com/coronavirus-support/</p>	Available Now

<p>General Advice for Businesses from the IED</p>	<p><u>Institute of Economic Development (IED)</u></p>	<p>General information, Advice and Guidance available for businesses The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>ied.co.uk/news_events/a_route_map_of_current_business_support/</p>	<p>Available Now</p>
<p>Advice for Retailers, Warehouses and Distribution Centres</p>	<p><u>British Retail Consortium</u></p>	<p>Specific Information, Advice and Guidance available for retailers, warehouse and distribution centre operators. The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>brc.org.uk/coronavirus/</p> <p>Specific advice for social distancing in warehouses and distribution centres can be found here:</p> <p>brc.org.uk/news/corporate-affairs/social-distancing-in-warehouse-and-distribution-settings/</p>	<p>Available Now</p>
<p>Advice for Retailers from the ACS</p>	<p><u>The Association of Convenience Stores (ACS)</u></p>	<p>Specific Information, Advice and Guidance available for retailers. The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>www.acs.org.uk/advice/covid-19-coronavirus</p>	<p>Available Now</p>
<p>Advice for Travel & Tourism Businesses from Visit Britain</p>	<p><u>Visit Britain</u></p>	<p>Specific Information, Advice and Guidance available for businesses that operated in the travel and tourism industry. The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>www.visitbritain.org/covid-19-new-coronavirus-latest-information-and-advice-for-businesses?utm_source=vbve_enevs_18_03_2020&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=enevs_18_03_2020</p>	<p>Available Now</p>

<p>Advice for Manufacturers from Make UK</p>	<p><u>Make UK</u></p>	<p>Specific Information, Advice and Guidance available for manufacturers. The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>www.makeuk.org/coronavirus</p>	<p>Available Now</p>
<p>Advice for Construction Business from Construction Leadership Council</p>	<p><u>Construction Leadership Council (CLC)</u></p>	<p>The CLC has published site operating procedures that take into account the Government's social distancing recommendations. The procedures have been endorsed by Public Health England.</p> <p>The site operated procedures can be downloaded here:</p> <p>www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/news/site-operating-procedures-during-covid-19/</p>	<p>Available Now</p>
<p>Advice for Charities from Civil Society</p>	<p><u>Civil Society</u></p>	<p>Specific Information, Advice and Guidance available for charities. The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>www.civilsociety.co.uk/news/coronavirus-what-charities-need-to-know.html</p>	<p>Available Now</p>
<p>Facebook Business Resource Hub</p>	<p><u>Facebook</u></p>	<p>Facebook's has created an online business resource hub with numerous resources such as a small business resilience toolkit, and a small business quick action guide. The webpage is updated on a regular basis:</p> <p>www.facebook.com/business/boost/resource</p>	<p>Available Now</p>

Other Measures

<p>Protection from Eviction for Commercial Tenants</p>	<p>Government Overseen by Local Authorities</p>	<p>All commercial tenants who cannot pay their rent because of COVID-19 will be protected from eviction.</p> <p>These measures will mean no business will automatically forfeit their lease and be forced out of their premises if they miss a payment up until 30 June.</p> <p>There is the option for the government to extend this period if needed.</p> <p>This is not a rental holiday. All commercial tenants will still be liable for the rent. Commercial tenants are protected from eviction if they are unable to pay rent.</p>	<p>Available Now (Effective from 24 March 2020)</p>
<p>Relaxing of Planning Regulations</p>	<p>Government Overseen by Local Authorities</p>	<p>Agreeing that pubs and restaurants will have planning regulations relaxed so they can switch to provide takeaways or deliveries, without applying for change of use – will help the business and help those at home self-isolating</p> <p>More information here: www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-grant-permission-for-pubs-and-restaurants-to-operate-as-takeaways-as-part-of-coronavirus-response</p>	<p>Available Now (Effective from 17 March 2020)</p>
<p>3-Month extension to Filing Company Accounts</p>	<p>Government Overseen by Companies House</p> <p>More info here: www.gov.uk/government/news/companies-to-receive-3-</p>	<p>Companies will be given an additional 3 months to file accounts with Companies House to help companies avoid penalties as they deal with the impact of COVID-19.</p> <p>Companies will still have to apply for the 3-month extension to be granted, however those citing issues</p>	<p>Available Now (Effective from 25 March 2020)</p>

	month-extension-period-to-file-accounts-during-covid-19?utm_source=f3101d97-c140-4859-9f49-b4f3d326d612&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily	<p>around COVID-19 <u>will be automatically and immediately granted an extension</u></p> <p>*The government is also in close consultation with company representative bodies, legal practitioners and others, to look at solutions for the <u>impact COVID-19 may have on companies' ability to hold Annual General Meetings</u>. Updated guidance on this matter will be published in due course.</p>	
Delay to Off-Payroll Working Rules (IR35) Reform	Government Overseen by HMRC	<p>The reform to the off-payroll working rules that would have applied for people contracting their services to large or medium-sized organisations (IR35) outside the public sector <u>will be delayed for one year</u> from 6 April 2020 until 6 April 2021.</p> <p>Business and individuals <u>do not need to take any action</u></p>	Available Now (Effective from 17 March 2020)
	Government Overseen by Cabinet Office	<p>A new Procurement Policy Note (PPN) has been published by the Cabinet Office to further protect suppliers during and after the coronavirus outbreak.</p> <p>Under this new PPN, contracting authorities must take action with immediate effect to ensure suppliers at risk can continue normal operations once the outbreak is over.</p> <p>Suppliers at risk will continue to be paid as normal according to this PPN, even if the service is disrupted or temporarily suspended, until the end of June at the</p>	

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Free Childcare	<u>Government Backed</u> Funding passported by Local Authorities	<p>Funding for the government's early years entitlements will continue during any periods of nursery, preschool or childminder closures, or where children cannot attend due to coronavirus (COVID-19)</p> <p>The Government will continue to pay funding to local authorities for the free entitlements for two, three and four-year-olds</p> <p>The Department for Education has set out its expectation that local authorities should follow its position and continue to pass on the government funding it receives for these entitlements to providers, in the event that any are advised to close by Public Health England or children are not able to attend due to coronavirus, to minimise short-term disruption.</p> <p>www.gov.uk/government/news/free-childcare-offers-to-continue-during-coronavirus-closures</p>	Available Now (Effective from 17 March 2020)
Temporary relaxation of the EU drivers' hours rules for a 30 day period	<u>Government Backed</u> Overseen by the Department for Transport	<p>Temporary relaxation of the EU drivers' hours rules for a 30 day period, for drivers supplying supermarkets with food and other essential items.</p> <p>Drivers of vehicles involved in the delivery of food, non-food (personal care and household paper and cleaning) and over-the-counter pharmaceuticals when undertaking the following journeys:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Distribution center to stores 2) From manufacturer or supplier to distribution center 3) From manufacturer or supplier to store 4) Between distribution centers and transport hub 5) Transport hub deliveries to stores <p>This temporary relaxation applies from 00:01 on</p>	Available Now (Effective from 18 March 2020)

		<p>Wednesday 18 March 2020 and will run until 23:59 on Thursday 16 April 2020</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/temporary-relaxation-of-the-enforcement-of-eu-drivers-hours-rules/temporary-relaxation-of-the-enforcement-of-the-drivers-hours-rules-delivery-of-essential-items-to-retailers</p>	
<p>Driving tests and MOTs for heavy vehicles suspended for up to 3 months</p>	<p><u>Government Backed</u> Overseen by the Department for Transport</p>	<p>The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) is <u>suspending driving tests</u> in England, Scotland and Wales for up to 3 months from 21 March 2020. The decision has been made to help prevent the spread of coronavirus as tests lead to extended contact between candidates and examiners in vehicles.</p> <p>Motorcycle tests are also being suspended.</p> <p><u>DVSA has suspended MOTs</u> (annual tests) for all <u>heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) and public service vehicles (PSVs)</u> for up to 3 months from 21 March 2020. All HGV and PSV vehicles with an MOT will be <u>issued with a 3-month certificate of temporary exemption</u> (CTE) until further notice. Vehicles must be maintained, kept safe to drive (roadworthy) and operate within the terms of operators' licence conditions.</p>	<p>Available Now (Effective from 21 March 2020)</p>

		www.gov.uk/government/news/driving-tests-and-mots-for-heavy-vehicles-suspended-for-up-to-3-months-to-help-tackle-spread-of-coronavirus?utm_source=03acbaa7-a0da-4716-aeabe574412e03fd&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily	
<p>Temporary changes to allow bus and lorry drivers who cannot complete compulsory Driver CPC training to continue to drive.</p>	<p>Government Backed Overseen by the Department for Transport & DVLA</p>	<p>The Department for Transport has put in place temporary changes in professional driver qualification requirements</p> <p>This means that drivers whose Driver CPC card expires in the period from 1 March 2020 to 30 September 2020 can continue driving.</p> <p>Drivers should carry their expired Driver CPC card if they have it.</p> <p>The drivers that this measure applies to will be required to comply with Driver CPC rules from 1 October 2020.</p> <p>www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-temporary-changes-to-driver-cpc-requirements</p>	<p>Available Now (Effective from 01 March 2020)</p>