



Businesses and employers – Guidance & Advice

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Read [GOV.UK's guidance and assistance for employers and businesses](#) providing advice to their staff on:

- the novel coronavirus, COVID-19
- how to help prevent spread of COVID-19
- what to do if someone has symptoms of COVID-19 has been in business settings
- eligibility for sick pay

This guidance also provides details of support available to businesses including:

- statutory sick pay relief package for SMEs
- a 12-month business rates holiday for all retail, hospitality and leisure businesses in England
- small business grant funding of £10,000 for all business in receipt of small business rate relief or rural rate relief
- grant funding of £25,000 for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses with property with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
- the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme to support long-term viable businesses who may need to respond to cash-flow pressures by seeking additional finance
- the HMRC Time To Pay Scheme to help with tax

Procurement policy

A new [Procurement Policy Note](#) has been issued, giving information and guidance on public procurement regulations and responding to the coronavirus outbreak.