



WINTER ECONOMY PLAN

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THE JOBS SUPPORT SCHEME

What is it?

Rishi Sunak has announced that the new Jobs Support Scheme will replace the current furlough scheme which is due to end on 31/10/2020.

The Jobs Support Scheme will start on Sunday 1st November 2020 and will help provide employees with 77% of their normal salaries for a six-month period up to April 2021.

- For time worked, employees must be paid their normal contracted wage.
- For time not worked, the employee will be paid two-thirds of their normal contracted wage.

Employers and the government will each contribute a third of an employee's hourly pay for every hour not worked by the employee for hours they would usually work. More guidance on the scheme [here](#).

How to claim?

Employers will be able to claim for The Jobs Support Scheme in December 2020 online at Gov.uk

How much can I claim?

The amount contributed by the government per employee is capped at £697.92 per month per employee.

Grant payments will be made monthly in arrears and will not include National Insurance or Pension contributions.

Eligibility for the company and the employee:

If your company meets the following conditions, you will be eligible for The Jobs Support Scheme:

1. Employees must be working at least 33% of their usual hours.
2. Employers must be registered for a UK PAYE scheme and have a UK bank account.
3. Large businesses will have to undergo a financial assessment; only large businesses that have seen a reduction in turnover due to COVID-19 will be eligible for the scheme. Small to medium businesses will not have to undergo a financial assessment.
4. Employees must be on an employer's payroll on or before 23rd September 2020 to be eligible.
5. Employees must work at least 33% of their usual contracted hours for the first three months of the grant, the government will then reassess the minimum hours threshold.
6. Employees must work 33% of their usual contracted hours for a minimum period of 7 days within one month, the working pattern can be different each month but the minimum requirement must be meant.
7. Employees do not need to have been registered onto the previous Furlough scheme to be eligible



UPDATES FROM THE WINTER ECONOMY PLAN

- **VAT Payments**

VAT Bills that have been deferred throughout the pandemic can now be spread over eleven payments, starting repayment in March 2021.

- **VAT Reduction for Hospitality and Tourism Businesses**

The VAT reduction for hospitality and tourism businesses has been extended from 13th January 2021 to 31st March 2021.

- **Bounce Back Loans (BBL) and Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS)**

Rishi Sunak has announced that businesses who took out a BBL or CBILS will now have longer to repay the amount borrowed.

This has increased from a six year term to a ten year term through a Pay as You Grow flexible repayment system to be introduced in the new year.

Application deadlines for these schemes have also been extended to 30th November 2020.

- **Self Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS)**

Individuals who were previously eligible for the SEISS scheme will now be able to receive two more lump sum instalments throughout November 2020 - April 2021.

The grant will cover 20% of average monthly profits from previous years' Self Assessment Tax Returns.

The instalments will be capped at £1875 per payment for the first three months within this period. The government will announce the cap on the second instalment at a later date.



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- **Self Assessment Tax Returns**

Rishi Sunak has announced that the due dates for paying Self Assessment tax bills have now been deferred from July 2020 and January 2021 to January 2022.

- **Investment in Public Services**

An additional £68.7 billion in funding has been approved by the Treasury in the Winter Economy Plan to help continue procure PPE for front line staff, providing free school meals to children who are self-isolating and to assist in rolling out the Test and Trace programme.

If you have any further questions about the schemes from the Winter Economy Plan or The Jobs Support Scheme please contact:



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