

Government Advice and Guidance on Covid-19 (correct 27/03/2020)

Since the start of the CV-19 outbreak the government have made significant support available to businesses impacted. The key links can be found below and we will work to keep these as up to date as possible.

Although we are unable to provide detailed advice on the guidance below, Business Development staff will be available for more general advice on working with your apprentice during this period.

General Support for Business

The Chancellor has set out a package of temporary, timely and targeted measures to support public services, people and businesses through this period of disruption caused by COVID-19.

This includes a package of measures to support businesses including the following:

- a Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme
- deferring VAT and Income Tax payments
- a Self-employment Income Support Scheme
- a Statutory Sick Pay relief package for small and medium sized businesses (SMEs)
- a 12-month business rates holiday for all retail, hospitality, leisure and nursery 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 offering loans of up to £5 million for SMEs through the British Business Bank
- a new lending facility from the Bank of England to help support liquidity among larger firms, helping them bridge coronavirus disruption to their cash flows through loans
- the HMRC Time To Pay Scheme

Details of these are provided in the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses>

Apprenticeship Response Programme

There are a range of options to support you in the retention of your apprentice(s) during this period. We have already made contact with you about mechanisms in place and your apprenticeship link staff will be able to provide more detail to you.

The government advice is available through the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-apprenticeship-programme-response>

Further Guidance available.

The following links detail other support and information available from government as well as advice from ACAS.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-helpline-to-support-businesses-affected-by-coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.acas.org.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-mots-for-cars-vans-and-motorcycles-due-from-30-march-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-guidance-for-employees>