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# Self Employment Income Support Scheme

COVID-19 – Support for businesses: updated 27<sup>th</sup> March

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Self-employment Income Support Scheme**

The **Self-employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS)** will support self-employed individuals (including members of partnerships) whose income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. The scheme will provide a grant to self-employed individuals or partnerships, worth 80% of their profits up to a cap of £2,500 per month.

HMRC will use the average profits from tax returns in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 to calculate the size of the grant. The scheme will be open to those where the majority of their income comes from self-employment and who have profits of less than £50,000. The scheme will be open for an initial three months with people able to make their first claim by the beginning of June.

[You can find more information on eligibility and how to access the scheme here.](#)

[Self-employment Income Support Scheme Frequently Asked Questions](#)

**The self-employed can also get support from**

- Access to [coronavirus business interruption loans](#).
- Income tax payments due in July can be deferred to the end of Jan 2021.
- Changes to the welfare system to allow access Universal Credit in full.
- Anyone who missed the tax return filing deadline in January, have a further four weeks from today to submit their tax return.

**Government launches Coronavirus Information Service on WhatsApp**

The UK Government has launched a GOV.UK Coronavirus Information service on WhatsApp. The new free to use service aims to provide official, trustworthy and timely information and advice. To use the free GOV.UK Coronavirus Information Service on WhatsApp, simply add 07860 064422 in your phone contacts and then message the word 'hi' in a WhatsApp message to get started. Further information can be found [here](#).

**If you are concerned about being able to pay your tax due to COVID-19, call HMRC's dedicated helpline on 0800 0159 559.**

**Guidance to employers and business about COVID-19**

**Business Support Helpline 0300 456 3565**

**Free ACAS webinar 'Coronavirus – an advisory webinar for employers'.  
Find out more**

**Read the latest public information and public health advice  
about COVID-19**

**Read Mayor James Palmer's business blog here**

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