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Growth Hub Website

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Welcome to Issue 28 of our Business Bulletin!

As we continue to find ways to help businesses thrive in our New Normal, we're keen to provide as much support as possible for businesses in the region.

Scroll down to find out about our new one-stop shop for business advice and support, and fill in the **SERCO 2020 Employer Skills Survey** to tell us what skills and training you need for your workforce.

Welcome to the Growth Hub!

We're proud to launch the new [CPCA Business Growth Hub website](#), which takes the services we offer to help businesses and puts them all in one helpful place.

Click through below to explore the many options for support and advice, including [booking meetings with our advisors](#), suggestions for startups and growing businesses, advice on export and import and access to our steadily growing Knowledge Hub, which is becoming a one-stop shop for advice and information.

Starting a business

Use the Knowledge
Hub

Growing your
business

We're also working with SERCO to understand and deliver the key training and skills boosts that you need for your business to thrive in the current climate.

Please fill in the **2020 Employer Skills Survey**, so we can make sure that the skills you need are developed here. The deadline is **31 August**.

Fill in the SERCO 2020 Employer Skills Survey now

Key Dates for Job Retention Schemes

Key dates

- You or your clients should submit CJRS claims for periods ending on or before 30 June 2020 by **31 July 2020**. This is the last date to make those claims. Employers need to have made a claim at any point on or before 31 July to be able to make a claim for future months.
- From **1 August 2020** the scheme will no longer fund employers' National Insurance (NI) and pensions contributions for furloughed employees. Employers will have to make these payments from their own resources.
- From **1 September 2020** employers will have to start contributing to the wages of furloughed employees. Grants will be for 70% of usual wages in September and 60% in October, but furloughed employees will continue to be entitled to receive at least 80% of their usual wages. Employers will have to make up the difference from their own resources.

Live webinars offering more support on changes to the scheme and how they impact you and your clients are available, including a new agent-only webinar, 'Talking Points – Extension of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and flexible furloughing'. To book online, go to GOV.UK and search 'help and support if your business is affected by coronavirus'.

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