

PATTERDALE PARISH Covid -19 Financial Support Information

As at 9th November 2020

Changes since 3rd November in red

This note is one person's understanding of the position at a particular point in a situation that is changing all the time. It is intended to be a general guide to assist people to make their own enquiries and to take their own advice as necessary, and not a definitive statement of the law.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS SUPPORT <https://www.gov.uk/browse/business/finance-support>

And Eden DC Site has some good links too: <https://www.eden.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/support-for-businesses>

THE FURLOUGH SCHEME:

- The Furlough Scheme has been reinstated from 1st November – there is no gap with the old scheme
- The Job Support Scheme has been postponed
- Employers will be able to claim 80% of wages for the hours furloughed employees do not work, up to a cap of £2,500 per month for periods from 1 November **until 31st January 2021. The Furlough scheme will remain in place until 31st March but the %/employer contributions may change. This will be reviewed in January.**
- The Furlough Scheme is at the discretion of the employer. Employers can agree with employees how many actual hours they work (keep a written record) and claim up to 80% of their wages for the hours they do not work. Full details of how to apply and when will come out later this week. Claims for November 1st onwards can be made from 11th November.
- Claims for the old scheme for payments to employees made up to 31st October can be made up until 30th November.
- Employers will need to pay all employer National Insurance Contributions (NICs) and pension contributions for both furloughed and non furloughed hours.
- Employers can choose to top up furloughed employees' wages beyond the 80% paid by the UK government for hours not worked, **but you are not required to do so.**

Who can go in the scheme:

- Employers can claim for employees who were on your PAYE payroll on 30 October 2020.
- You must have made a PAYE Real Time Information (RTI) submission to HMRC **between 20 March 2020 and 30 October 2020**, notifying a payment of earnings for **that employee**
- They do not have to have been furloughed before
- **Employers can also re-employ people who were on the payroll from 20th March until 23 September 2020**
- **The Job Retention bonus for January 2021 has been withdrawn . HMRC say that an alternative retention incentive will be put in place at the appropriate time.**
- When claiming the CJRS grant for furloughed hours, employers will need to report and claim for a minimum period of 7 consecutive calendar days.

SELF EMPLOYED INCOME SUPPORT SCHEME (SEISS)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/self-employment-income-support-scheme-grant-extension/self-employment-income-support-scheme-grant-extension>

- SEISS has been extended for **6 months** from November to April 2021
- Eligibility is the similar to that for Phases 1 and 2 (see below)
- grants will also be paid faster than previously planned – with the claims window opening at the end of November rather than the middle of December
- The grant will be 80% of trading profits (based on same calculation as before) for November – **January 2021. The maximum grant will be £7,500 and will be paid in a single installment.**
- The second grant will cover a three-month period from the start of February until the end of April. The government will review the level of the second grant and set this in due course.
- The grants are taxable income and subject to National Insurance contributions

Eligibility:

- you're a self-employed individual or a member of a partnership
- you have been previously eligible for the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme first and second grant (although you do not have to have claimed the previous grants)
- **you intend to continue to trade and either:**
 - are currently actively trading but are impacted by reduced demand due to coronavirus** OR
 - were previously trading but are temporarily unable to do so due to coronavirus. Reasons can be:**

CASH GRANTS

From Eden DC:

Local Restrictions Support Grant

The Local Restrictions Support Grant has been extended to support areas outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3 during the National Lockdown in November 2020. The grant will support businesses that **occupy hereditaments appearing on the local rating list which are legally required to close due to national restrictions**. Information on eligibility and process will be added here once available.

Additional Restrictions Grant

The Additional Restrictions Grant is an additional one off payment provided to Eden District Council and other Local Authorities to support businesses as a result of national restrictions. Information on eligibility and process will be added here once available.

VAT REDUCTION TO 5% for hospitality and tourism (including food, accommodation and attractions) – from 8th July has been extended to 31st March 2021

BOUNCE BACK LOANS

The deadline for applying for Bounce Back Loans, or top-ups to previous ones, has been extended to 31st January <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-coronavirus-bounce-back-loan>

TIME TO PAY SERVICE has been extended too

VAT Deferral New Payment Scheme

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/deferral-of-vat-payments-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19>

If you deferred payments that were due between 20 March and 30 June 2020, then these payments were due to be made to HMRC by 31 March 2021. You can now use the **New Payment Scheme** to spread these payments over equal instalments up to 31 March 2022. Alternatively, you can make payments as normal by 31 March 2021 or make **Time To Pay** arrangements with HMRC. If you are still unable to pay the VAT due see link: [if you cannot pay your tax bill on time](#) or you can contact HMRC by phoning 0300 200 3835

You can [apply online](#) to move to monthly returns to improve your cashflow if you're in a repayment position.

Self Assessment Payment on Account

New Self Assessment Self-Serve Time To Pay Scheme

If you deferred paying your July 2020 Payment on Account, you will need to pay the deferred amount, in addition to any balancing payment and first 2020/21 Payment on Account, by 31 January 2021. This may be a larger payment than you usually pay in January.

If you're unable to pay your Self-Assessment (SA) bill in full by 31 January 2021, **you can set up a Time to Pay payment plan of up to 12 months online without speaking to us.** If you have SA tax debts of up to £30,000, you'll be able to access this Time to Pay facility through **GOV.UK** (Government Gateway or via your Accountant) and will get automatic and immediate approval. If your SA debts are over £30,000, or you need longer than 12 months to repay your debt in full, you will still be able to use our Time to Pay arrangement by calling HMRC.

Self Assessment Payment Helpline

Telephone: 0300 200 3822

Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm

WEBCHAT: This often works better than the phone for Self Assessment, VAT, employers' PAYE or Corporation Tax. [Speak to an adviser.](#)

General tax helpline : Telephone: **0800 024 1222**

RENT SUPPORT

We are told that The UK government has extended measures to prevent evictions of tenants due to arrears in rent.

FARMERS, RURAL BUSINESSES AND LANDOWNERS

Rural Payments Agency is offering assistance when claims cannot be completed due to Corona virus restrictions:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-farmers-landowners-and-rural-businesses#updates-on-rural-payments-grants-and-services>

Farming Help work to help the farming community through challenging times. If this affects you, please either contact them on 03000 111 999, visit their [Farming Help](#) website or call 03000 200 301.

OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Deferring mortgage payments –Extended too – contact your mortgage provider Borrowers who have been impacted by Covid-19 and have not yet had a mortgage payment holiday will be entitled to a 6 month holiday and those that have already started a mortgage payment holiday will be able to top up to 6 months without this being recorded on their credit file. The FCA will announce further information on this shortly.

Payment holidays will also continue to be available for **consumer credit products** such as personal loans and car finance. As with mortgages, borrowers impacted by Covid-19 who have not yet taken a payment holiday on that product will be able to top up to 6 months without this being recorded on their credit file. Borrowers with high-cost short-term credit products such as payday loans will continue to be entitled to a maximum one month payment holiday. The FCA will announce further information on this shortly

Test and Trace Support Payment

Your local council might be able to give you £500 if:

- you've been told to self-isolate
- you live in England
- you're on a low income
- you cannot work from home and will lose income as a result

[Find out more or apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment.](#)

New Style Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

If you or your child has coronavirus, is self-isolating or [shielding](#), you might be able to get New Style ESA. You can apply for it if:

- you're under State Pension age
- you have made enough National Insurance contributions over the last 2 to 3 years

Your savings and partner's income will not affect how much you get. You might be able to get Universal Credit at the same time as New Style ESA.

[Find out more or apply for New Style ESA.](#)

New Style Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

If you were working as an employee within the last 2 to 3 years, you might be able to get New Style JSA. You can apply for it if:

- you work less than 16 hours a week
- you're under State Pension age
- you have made enough class 1 National Insurance contributions over the last 2 to 3 years, usually by working as an employee

Your savings and partner's income will not affect how much you get. You might be able to get New Style JSA at the same time as Universal Credit.

[Find out more or apply for New Style JSA.](#)

Universal Credit

You could get Universal Credit if:

- you have less than £16,000 in savings
- you or your partner is under State Pension age

The £20 per week increase to Universal Credit standard allowance, announced in April 2020, continues

If you're already getting tax credits, they will stop when you or your partner applies for Universal Credit.

You might be able to get Universal Credit at the same time as New Style ESA or New Style JSA. Depending on your circumstances, Universal Credit can include additional amounts for things like rent or the costs of raising children.

[Find out more or apply for Universal Credit.](#)

Pension Credit

You could get Pension Credit if:

- you and your partner have both reached State Pension age
- your weekly income is below £173.75 (for single people) or £265.20 (for couples).
- Savings restrictions apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit>

OTHER

- Deferring Council tax payments – contact counciltax@eden.gov.uk
- Business rates relief for hospitality, retail, leisure and nurseries until the end of March 2021.
- From 6 April 2020 your employer can pay you up to £6 a week (£26 a month) to cover your additional costs if **you have to work from home**. For previous tax years the rate is £4 a week (£18 a month). <https://www.gov.uk/tax-relief-for-employees/working-at-home> or you can claim back the tax paid on £6 a week via form P87.
- Free professional support offered now for legal, professional and accountancy matters:
<https://www.enterprisenation.com/freesupport/>

And Finally:

Cumbria CC Ask Colin this Tuesday

Colin Cox, CCC Director of Public Health, will host a live Q&A session on THE CCC Facebook page on Tuesday 10 November between 7.30pm - 8pm.

Tune in to hear the latest coronavirus update for Cumbria and feel free to ask a question.