

		<p style="text-align: center;">Covid-19 pandemic information update 27 March 2020</p>	
<p>HELP AVAILABLE</p>	<p>Who is it for?</p>	<p>What support is available?</p>	<p>More information</p>
<p>Support for freelance workers</p>	<p>Self- Employed</p>	<p>On 27 March Chancellor announces additional measures to help businesses and the self-employed impacted by COVID-19 HMG will pay the self-employed a taxable grant worth 80% of their average monthly profits over the last three years up to £2500 per month</p>	<p>https://bit.ly/3bxTeuH</p>

		<p>This will be available for three months. Will be extended if necessary</p> <p>People can claim these grants and continue to do business</p> <p>Covers self-employed same as those furlong</p> <p>To ensure the funds reaches the people most in need:</p> <p>Open to anyone of trading profits of up to £50,000</p> <p>Available to people who i) make the majority of their income being self-employed, ii) Have a self-employed tax return for 2019</p> <p>You will be contacted if you are eligible for this support. However at this time many people are not</p>	
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		eligible and there is real concern regarding the time frame so this scheme may change.	
Universal Credit/Income Support	Self-Employed	If you have had a significant interruption to income applications for Universal Credit can be made online: www.universal-credit.service.gov.uk	UC Helpline: 0800 012 1331
Hardship/emergency payments	Self-Employed	If you need access to an emergency payment, contact: Department for Communities Finance Support service: 0800 587 2750 Helpline for benefits and supports entitlements: 0800 232 1271	Advice NI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • @Advice NI • Benefits Helpline: 0808 802 0020 • Money/Debt Helpline: 0800 028 1881 • https://www.adviceni.net

Income Tax	Self-Employed	Income Tax Self-Assessment, payments due on the 31 July 2020 will be deferred until the 31 January 2021. No application is needed.	https://bit.ly/3dqzavT HMRC Coronavirus Helpline 0800 015 9559
Domestic Rates	All	Domestic rates delay . Rates bills will be issued in June rather than April, but ratepayers will have to pay the same amount owed in the year.	https://bit.ly/2JeKwoQ
What else could help?	All	For individuals, this gateway number can be helpful in identifying the range of benefits and supports that you may be eligible for. Helpline for benefits and supports entitlements: 0800 232 1271	https://bit.ly/2QL8Suz
Business Rates	All businesses	Business rates rebate of 25% for all businesses. Rates bills will be issued	https://bit.ly/3duKtD9

		<p>in June rather than April with no rates charged for April, May and June 2020</p> <p>All existing rates hardship schemes remain in place too: https://bit.ly/3aib4RT</p>	
<p>Business Support Grant</p>	<p>Small businesses</p>	<p>Details of this scheme have just been published, covering a grant of £10,000 to be available to all small businesses who are eligible for Small Business Rates Relief, (that is with a rateable value of up to £15,000). Payments will be made directly into the bank accounts of eligible businesses through the rates system.</p>	<p>https://bit.ly/2WHkBhy</p>

		An online web portal will be set up this week for remaining eligible businesses to register their details.	
Retail, Tourism & Hospitality Business Grants	Small businesses in these sectors	<p>A grant of £25,000 will be provided to companies in the retail, tourism and hospitality sectors with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000. Payments will be administered directly as with the £10k payment.</p> <p>Tourism NI have also set up a Business Support helpline: 028 9592 5313</p>	https://bit.ly/2WHkBhy
Job Retention Scheme	All businesses	Businesses who have had to give some staff a temporary leave of absence can now get support to	https://bit.ly/39aR3LW

		keep them on the payroll until they are able to return to work. The scheme will cover 80% of salary and employers may make up the remaining 20% but are not obliged to do so. The scheme will be administered through HMRC and exact details are expected soon.	
Statutory Sick Pay	Businesses (>250 staff)	Employers will be able to reclaim SSP paid to any staff who are absent from work due to coronavirus sickness or because they have to self-isolate. The payment to employers will be delivered as a rebate with details to be announced following legislation.	https://bit.ly/2WDgKCh
Business Interruption Loans	Businesses	Coronavirus Business Interruption Scheme (CIBILS) is a loan from an	https://bit.ly/33JB46f

		<p>accredited lender. Lenders are given a government guarantee on repayments meaning they can lend more freely, but the responsibility for the loan remains with the business/borrower.</p>	
VAT	All businesses	<p>VAT payments for the next quarter (i.e. the period from 20 March to 30 June 2020) will be deferred, although businesses will have to pay all VAT for the year by 31st March 2021.</p> <p>Note: Although payment is deferred you still have to make a VAT return for this quarter and subsequent quarters.</p> <p>HMRC's Time to Pay scheme remains first point of call for</p>	<p>https://bit.ly/2UvM5Ea</p>

		<p>discussions about timing of tax payments.</p> <p>HMRC Helpline: 0800 015 9559</p>	
Annual Accounts	All businesses	All businesses will receive a three month extension for the filing of annual accounts to Companies House.	https://bit.ly/2WH0y2N
Charity Commission Annual Return	All charities	The Charities Commission NI have said no charity will be penalised for missing its annual reporting deadline, which includes that no charity will be marked as in default on the register of charities if they fail to meet this deadline. They ask that if charities find themselves in this position that they contact them via email to	<p>https://bit.ly/2y8hg0J</p> <p>NICVA advice https://www.nicva.org/</p> <p>Charity FAQs https://bit.ly/2WKBMIM</p>

		admin@charitycommissionni.org.uk where possible, to keep them apprised of their situation.	
Money Saving Expert (Martin Lewis)	Businesses & individuals	Plain and simple advice to de-code some of the official information on financial support.	https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/

Advice is changing rapidly but these links should be updated to reflect changes. There are many sources of information and this list is not exhaustive but gives reliable sources at a first port of call. For health advice and guidance go to Public Health Agency NI <https://bit.ly/39mJQsf>