



COVID-19 BUSINESS SUPPORT UPDATE



Businesses across the Black Country continue to face unprecedented difficulties due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) and as your Chamber, we are here to help.

From our business helpline to our e-Clinics, briefing papers and digital networking sessions, we are doing everything in our power to get the answers to your questions and explain what support is available to your business.

In this update, we are highlighting the latest support measures from the government and the Black Country Chamber team.

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) GUIDANCE & INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

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TELEPHONE SUPPORT

BUSINESS E-CLINICS

E-MAIL SUPPORT

DEDICATED WEBPAGE

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COVID-19 EXPORT DOCUMENTATION SERVICE UPDATE

The Chamber offices are now closed to visitors. Export services will be delivered through the electronic EZCERT system or by post. Contact export@blackcountrychamber.co.uk for blank stationery requirements, help and support registering on EZCERT or any other questions.

Please note that your documents will take longer to progress than normal as we are unable to guarantee a same day service.

BRIEFING PAPER

Click the image below to read the latest in our series 'Managing the Impacts of Coronavirus', this week focusing on 'Furlough Leave'.

WHAT IS 'FURLOUGH LEAVE'?

BRIEFING PAPER 4.0

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FURTHER BUSINESS SUPPORT MEASURES ANNOUNCED

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON BUSINESS & PREMISES TO CLOSE

The Government has announced further guidance on business and premises closures. [CLICK HERE TO READ](#)

COVID-19 CORPORATE FINANCING FACILITY INFORMATION

The new COVID-19 Corporate Financing Facility (CCFF) means that the Bank of England will buy short-term debt from larger companies. [READ MORE HERE](#)

COVID-19 INCOME TAX DEFERRAL FOR SELF-EMPLOYED

If you are self-employed, Income Tax payments due in July 2020 under the Self-Assessment system will be deferred to January 2021. [READ MORE HERE](#)

COVID-19 VAT DEFERRAL

The Government is to support businesses by deferring Valued Added Tax (VAT) payments for 3 months. [READ MORE HERE](#)

COVID-19 TIME TO PAY SERVICE ANNOUNCED

All businesses and self-employed people in financial distress, and with outstanding tax liabilities; may be eligible to receive support with their tax affairs through HMRC's Time To Pay service. [READ MORE HERE](#)

COVID-19 MOT DUE DATES EXTENDED

From 30 March, all MOT due dates for cars, vans and motorcycles will be extended by 6 months. [CLICK HERE TO READ](#)

COVID-19 BUSINESS RATES HOLIDAY FOR NURSERIES

Nurseries in England will not have to pay business rates for the 2020-21 tax year. [READ MORE HERE](#)

COVID-19 ACE ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL SECTOR

Arts Council England has recently announced new financial support for cultural organisations and freelancers totalling £160m. [READ MORE HERE](#)

NHS VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS

Your NHS needs you! Click here to find out more.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH ALL THE LATEST BUSINESS SUPPORT MEASURES

We are encouraging all businesses to visit our [COVID-19 business guidance page](#) to learn about the measures available to them to protect their business and employees through COVID-19.

Whatever your business, whatever your sector or size and however COVID-19 is affecting you, remember that we're here for you. Visit our dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information or call our helpline on 01902 912 322.

Stay safe.

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