



BUSINESS INTERRUPTION LOAN SCHEME

Loans are available through your regular business bank or **Let's Do Business Finance**.

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Financial Business Support

Updated 21 April 2020

The UK Government has set out a package of temporary measures to support businesses in response to disruption caused by COVID-19. We have created a factsheet to help businesses in East Sussex to plan and consider their next steps.

Small business grant funding:



JOB RETENTION SCHEME

The government's grants will cover **80% of the salary** of retained workers up to a total of £2,500 a month. The portal is now live.

[Find out more >](#)



£10K GRANT

This will provide a one-off grant to ALL businesses currently **eligible for small business rates relief or rural rate relief**.

[Find out more >](#)



£25K GRANT

This will be provided to **retail, hospitality and leisure** businesses with premises with rateable value of **£15,000 - £51,000**.

[Find out more >](#)



AM I ELIGIBLE?

If your business is **eligible for SBRR or rural rate relief, you will be contacted by your local authority**.

[Find out more >](#)



APRIL 2020

All councils' small business grants schemes are now live. Please check your authority's website for latest updates.



HMRC 'TIME TO PAY'

HMRC Time To Pay service has been put into place for any business or self-employed people (sole trader or freelancers) in financial distress and with outstanding tax liabilities. **Call HMRC's dedicated helpline on 0800 0159 559**.

[Find out more >](#)



VAT AND INCOME TAX DEFERRED

VAT payments from Mar - end of Jun 2020 will be deferred automatically until the end of the tax year. If self-employed Jul income tax payments deferred until Jan 2021.

[Find out more >](#)



12 MONTHS BUSINESS RATES HOLIDAY

12-months business rates holiday for ALL **retail, hospitality and leisure businesses**. Applied automatically to your next council tax bill.



SELF-EMPLOYED INCOME SUPPORT SCHEME

If you're self-employed or a member of a partnership, traded in the tax year 2019-20 - a taxable grant 80% of profits up to £2,500 per month for the next 3 months. [Full details >](#)



SICK PAY RELIEF

SMEs can reclaim Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) paid for sickness absence due to COVID-19. [Find out more >](#)

For regular updates

Contact the **government's Business Support Helpline**

0300 456 3565, check the [FAQs](#) and visit [Gov.uk](#)

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