

Coronavirus – What Can I Claim?

Here is a complete guide to what Government
assistance you can claim

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Scheme name	Who it's for	Details	Application process	Website Link
Kickstart Jobs Scheme	The Kickstart Scheme provides funding to create new job placements for 16 to 24 year olds on Universal Credit who are at risk of long term unemployment. Employers of all sizes can apply for funding.	<p>Funding which covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the National Minimum Wage (or the National Living Wage depending on the age of the participant) for 25 hours per week for a total of 6 months • associated employer National Insurance contributions • minimum automatic enrolment pension contributions <p>If your application is successful, you can spread the job start dates up until 31 March 2022. You'll get funding for 6 months once the young person has started their job.</p>	<p>Employers can apply until 17 December 2021 for funding to create jobs for 16 to 24 year olds on Universal Credit.</p> <p>You can apply for a Kickstart Scheme grant by either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applying online yourself • applying through a Kickstart gateway who is already working with the Kickstart Scheme <p>Apply online https://www.apply-kickstart-grant-employer.service.gov.uk/</p>	

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Temporary reduced rate of VAT for certain services in the hospitality and tourism sectors	VAT registered businesses providing supplies relating to hospitality, accommodation, or admission to certain attractions.	<p>The government made an announcement on 8 July 2020 allowing VAT registered businesses to apply a temporary reduced rate of VAT to certain supplies relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hospitality • hotel and holiday accommodation • admissions to certain attractions <p>The following temporary rates will apply to supplies:</p> <p>12.5% - 1 October 2021 – 31 March 2022</p> <p>From 1 April 2022 the rate will revert back to 20%.</p>	<p>VAT-registered businesses providing eligible supplies can use the scheme by accounting for the lower rate of VAT in their VAT returns.</p> <p>If you are a small business and use the use the Flat Rate Scheme to simplify your VAT calculations you should be aware that certain percentages have been reduced in line with the introduction of the temporary reduced rate of VAT. More information can be found in VAT Flat Rate Scheme.</p>	

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Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme	<p>This scheme is for employers. You can claim back up to 2 weeks of SSP if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you have already paid your employee's sick pay • you're claiming for an employee who's eligible for sick pay due to coronavirus • you have a PAYE payroll scheme that was created and started on or before 28 February 2020 • you had fewer than 250 employees on 28 February 2020 across all your PAYE payroll schemes <p>The scheme covers all types of employment contracts</p>	<p>This scheme is for employers. You can claim back up to 2 weeks of SSP if your employee was off work on or before 30 September 2021 and if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you have already paid your employee's sick pay (use the SSP calculator to work out how much to pay) • you're claiming for an employee who's eligible for sick pay due to coronavirus • you have a PAYE payroll scheme that was created and started on or before 28 February 2020 • you had fewer than 250 employees on 28 February 2020 across all your PAYE payroll schemes 	<p>Employers can submit claims at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-back-statutory-sick-pay-paid-to-your-employees-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19</p> <p>You must keep the following records for 3 years after the date you receive the payment for your claim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the dates the employee was off sick • which of those dates were qualifying days • the reason they said they were off work – if they had symptoms, someone they lived with had symptoms or they were shielding • the employee's National Insurance number <p>You must submit or amend claims on or before 31 December 2021</p>	

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Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme	You could be eligible for a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment if you live in England and meet all the criteria. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme	<p>You can make a claim for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme or a discretionary payment up to 42 days after the first day of your period of self-isolation.</p> <p>If you're eligible for either the Test and Trace Support Payment or a discretionary payment, you will receive the £500 payment on top of any benefits and Statutory Sick Pay that you currently receive.</p> <p>This is a taxable grant and needs to be included in your business profits if you are self employed or if you are an employee this should be included in your tax return/tax code.</p>	<p>Visit your local council's website to find out how to apply.</p> <p>For local authorities in Cumbria visit our blog https://www.saint.co.uk/what-grants-can-i-claim-during-lockdown-3-0/</p>	

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