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Guidance

# Check if you're eligible for the coronavirus Local Restrictions Support Grant (for closed businesses)

The Local Restrictions Support Grants (LRSG (Closed) and LRSG (Closed) Addendum: Tier 4) support businesses that have been required to close due to temporary local restrictions.

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Businesses that were open as usual and were then required to close due to local Tier 2, Tier 3 or Tier 4 restrictions may be eligible for LRSG (Closed) or LRSG (Closed) Addendum: Tier 4.

Eligible businesses are entitled to a cash grant from their local council for each 14 day period they are closed.

## Eligibility

You can apply for a grant if your business is either:

- in an area of local Tier 2 or Tier 3 restrictions and has been required to close because of local restrictions that resulted in a first full day of closure on or after 9 September
- in an area of local Tier 4 restrictions and has been required to close because of local restrictions that resulted in a first full day of closure on or after 19 December

You will need to show that your business:

- is based in England
- occupies property on which it pays business rates (and is the ratepayer)
- has been required to close for at least 14 days because of the restrictions
- has been unable to provide its usual in-person customer service from its premises

For example, this could include pubs and restaurants that operate primarily as an in-person venue, but which have been forced to close those services and provide a takeaway-only service instead.

Eligible businesses can get one grant for each non-domestic property within the restriction area.

## **Businesses excluded from the fund**

You cannot get funding if:

- you can continue to operate during the period of restrictions because you do not depend on providing direct in-person services from your premises (for example, accountants)
- local restrictions are introduced for less than 14 days or you are closed for less than 14 days
- you have chosen to close, but have not been required to close as part of local restrictions
- your businesses has been subject to national closures, since 23 March 2020, such as nightclubs (these are eligible for other grant support (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-your-nightclub-dance-hall-or-adult-entertainment-business-is-eligible-for-a-coronavirus-grant-due-to-national-restrictions>))
- your business is in administration, insolvent, subject to a striking-off notice or has been struck off the Companies House register
- you have exceeded the permitted state aid threshold

You must notify your local council if your situation changes and you no longer meet the eligibility criteria.

## **If you already get state aid**

EU state aid rules apply to all payments made before 1 January 2021.

LRSB (Closed) and LRSB (Closed) Addendum: Tier 4 count towards the total de minimis state aid you're allowed to get over a 3 year period - €200,000.

If you have reached the de minimis threshold, you may still be eligible for funding under the COVID-19 Temporary Framework ([https://ec.europa.eu/competition/state\\_aid/what\\_is\\_new/covid\\_19.html](https://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/what_is_new/covid_19.html)). The limit for this framework is €800,000 under Section 3.1 of the Framework.

If you have already reached the de minimis threshold and the €800,000 limit under the COVID-19 Temporary Framework, you may be able to receive further grant funding, subject to a number of conditions under Section 3.12 of the Temporary Framework.

Your local council will ask you to complete a declaration confirming that:

- you will not exceed the relevant state aid threshold
- you will need to provide additional evidence to receive payments under Section 3.12 of the Temporary Framework
- you were not an 'undertaking in difficulty (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/innovate-uk-funding-general-guidance-for-applicants#undertakings-in-difficulty>)' on 31 December 2019 (this applies to the temporary framework only)

The undertaking in difficulty test does not apply to small and micro undertakings (less than 50 employees and less than €10 million of annual turnover or annual balance sheet), unless any of the following apply:

- the business is already in insolvency proceedings
- the business has received rescue aid that has not been repaid
- the business is subject to a restructuring plan under state aid rules

## What you get

The grant will be based on the rateable value of the property on the first full day of local restrictions.

If your business has a property with a rateable value of £15,000 or less, you may be eligible for a cash grant of £667 for each 14 day period your business is closed.

If your business has a property with a rateable value over £15,000 and less than £51,000, you may be eligible for a cash grant of £1,000 for each 14 day period your business is closed.

If your business has a property with a rateable value of £51,000 or above, you may be eligible for a cash grant of £1,500 for each 14 day period your business is closed.

The grant will be extended to cover each additional 14-day period of closure. If your business is closed for 28 days, or 2 payment cycles, it will receive £1,334, £2,000 or £3,000, depending on the rateable value of the property.

## How to apply

Visit your local council's website to find out how to apply.

Find the website for your local council (<https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>).

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### 1. 31 December 2020

Grants are available for businesses required to close due to Tier 4 restrictions.

### 2. 22 December 2020

All Tier 4 businesses required to close will be eligible for grants of up to £1,500 for each 14-day period of closure; the grants will be administered by local authorities. Guidance also amended to reflect UK's updated state aid agreement with the EU Commission.

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- Check if you're eligible for the coronavirus Additional Restrictions Grant (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligible-for-the-coronavirus-additional-restrictions-grant>)
- Coronavirus grant funding: local authority payments to small and medium businesses (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-grant-funding-local-authority-payments-to-small-and-medium-businesses>)
- Apply for the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme>)
- Local Restrictions Support Grants (LRSG), Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG), Christmas Support Payment (CSP) for wet-led pubs: guidance for local authorities (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-restrictions-support-grants-lrsg-and-additional-restrictions-grant-arg-guidance-for-local-authorities>)

## Detailed guidance

- Check if you're eligible for the coronavirus Additional Restrictions Grant (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligible-for-the-coronavirus-additional-restrictions-grant>)
- Check if you're eligible for the coronavirus Local Restrictions Support Grant (for open businesses) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligible-for-the-coronavirus-local-restrictions-support-grant-for-open-businesses>)
- Check if your business is eligible for a coronavirus grant due to national restrictions (for closed businesses) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-your-business-is-eligible-for-a-coronavirus-grant-due-to-national-restrictions-for-closed-businesses>)
- Check if your nightclub, dance hall or adult entertainment business is eligible for a coronavirus grant due to national restrictions (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-your-nightclub-dance-hall-or-adult-entertainment-business-is-eligible-for-a-coronavirus-grant-due-to-national-restrictions>)

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