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Guidance

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

The Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG (Open)) supports businesses that have been severely impacted due to temporary local restrictions.

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Businesses that have not had to close but which have been severely impacted due to local Tier 2 or Tier 3 restrictions may be eligible for LRSG (Open).

Eligible businesses may be entitled to a cash grant from their local council for each 14 day period under local restrictions.

Local councils have the discretion to provide grant funding for businesses under this scheme. They will use their discretion in identifying the right businesses to receive this funding, based on their application process.

Eligibility

Your business may be eligible if it:

- is based in England
- is in an area subject to Tier 2 or Tier 3 local restrictions since 1 August 2020 and has been severely impacted because of the local restrictions
- was established before the introduction of Tier 2 or Tier 3 restrictions
- has not had to close but has been impacted by local restrictions

Local councils have the freedom to determine the precise eligibility criteria for these grants. However, we expect the funding to be targeted at hospitality, hotel, bed & breakfast and leisure businesses.

Businesses excluded from the fund

You cannot get funding if:

- your business was established after the introduction of Tier 2 or Tier 3 restrictions in your local council area
- your business is in administration, insolvent 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. For example, you become insolvent.

If you already get state aid

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

LRSG (Open) counts 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). 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. This is 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

Local councils are best placed to determine local needs for supporting recovery. They will exercise their local knowledge and discretion relevant to their economic need to provide grant funding.

The grant will be based on the rateable value of the property on the date of the start of the local restrictions. We anticipate local councils will provide funding under the following tiers, unless there is a local need to deviate.

If your business has a property with a rateable value of £15,000 or less, you may be eligible for a cash grant of up to £467 for each 14 day period.

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 up to £700 for each 14 day period.

If your business has a property with a rateable value of £51,000 or above, you may be eligible for a cash grant of up to £1,050 for each 14 day period.

In the event of national restrictions being introduced, **LRSO** (Open) will cease to apply, as relevant businesses will receive funding from either the:

- national restrictions grant (**LRSO** (Closed) Addendum) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-your-business-is-eligible-for-a-coronavirus-grant-due-to-national-restrictions-for-closed-businesses>)
- local council discretionary grant (Additional Restrictions Grant) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligible-for-the-coronavirus-additional-restrictions-grant>)

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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- 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>)
- 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 closed businesses) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligible-for-the-coronavirus-local-restrictions-support-grant-for-closed-businesses>)

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- Check if you're eligible for the coronavirus Local Restrictions Support Grant (for closed businesses) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligible-for-the-coronavirus-local-restrictions-support-grant-for-closed-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>)
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