

## **COVID-19 Helpful links**

[Scottish Government information](#)

### **APPRENTICES**

- [Covid-19 FAQs for Apprentices](#)

### **BUSINESSES**

- [Scot Gov Advice for Businesses](#)
- [Business Gateway advice](#)
- [Scottish Enterprise advice](#)
- [Scottish Government Release](#) on Business Helpline
- [£1bn Business Support Fund opens](#)
- [£2.2bn for Business](#)
- [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#)
- [Help with non-domestic rates in Scotland during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

### **COUNCIL TAX**

- [Funding available](#) for councils to meet increase in applications for the existing Council Tax Reduction Scheme.
- [CAS advice](#) on Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

### **CREATIVE SECTOR**

- [Creative Scotland advice](#)
- [Coronavirus Financial Hardship Fund for musicians](#)

### **DEBTORS**

- [Supporting those affected by debt](#)

### **DENTISTRY**

- [British Dental Association](#) guidance

### **DOMESTIC ABUSE**

- [Scotland's National Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline](#).
- [Rape Crisis Covid-19 textline and helpline](#)
- [Scottish Women's Rights Centre](#)

### **EDUCATION**

- [Guidance for parents and families](#)
- [Childcare provision for key workers](#)
- [Update on School Closures and Exams](#)

### **ENERGY**

- [Energy Saving Trust](#) advice for home heating and energy use during COVID-19

### **EMERGENCY POWERS**

- [Details of emergency powers](#)

### **HEALTH**

- [Health advice from NHS Inform](#)
- [Advice for professionals and organisations](#)

### **HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS**

#### **General advice**

- [Shelter advice page](#)

### Homelessness:

- Cabinet Secretary [Statement Response](#) on Homelessness
- [£350 million fund](#) to support welfare and wellbeing, inc homelessness.

### Homeowners:

- [Money Advice Service](#) on mortgage holidays

### Tenants

- [SFHA: No social housing tenant evictions during Covid-19](#)
- [18<sup>th</sup> March](#): Cabinet Secretary announces that the notice period required for evictions for rent arrears would increase from 3 to 6 months.
- [25<sup>th</sup> March](#): Cabinet Secretary announces SG taking action on “the extension of the notice period for the majority of grounds [for eviction] to six months is in order to give effect to our desire for no one to lose their house over the actions that are being taken in our attempts to cope with the pandemic.”

### INSURANCE

- [First Minister's response](#) to FMQ on Business Insurance, 19<sup>th</sup> March
- [Statement from Association of British Insurers on Covid-19 insurance](#)
- [ABI Covid-19 Q+A](#)

### JUSTICE

- [Statement](#) from Chief Constable
- [Scottish Courts & Tribunals](#) advice on business changes
- [COPFS advice](#) to those due to attend court
- [Suspension on prison visiting](#)

### KEY WORKERS

- [Criteria provided to local authorities to determine local need](#)
- [School and ELC closures - guidance for key workers](#)

### LOCAL AUTHORITIES

- [City of Edinburgh Council advice and updates](#)
- [Glasgow City Council advice and updates](#)
- [Aberdeen City Council advice and updates](#)
- [Dundee City Council advice and updates](#)
- *For all other local authorities search individual websites*

### NURSES AND MIDWIVES

- [RCN guidance](#)

### MOTORISTS

- [UK Government MOT advice](#)

### OLDER PEOPLE

- [Age Scotland advice](#)

### PPE

- First Minister's [FMQ Response](#) on PPE, 19<sup>th</sup> March

### RELIGIOUS GROUPS

- [Social distancing](#) advice to “minimise social contact by avoiding crowded areas and large gatherings, including religious congregations”

### *Specific announcements :*

- [Church of Scotland](#)

- [Catholic church in Scotland](#)
- [Scottish Episcopal Church](#)
- [Muslim Council of Britain](#)

## RURAL

- [NFUS](#) advice to farmers
- [Seafood industry](#) advice from Seafish

## SELF EMPLOYED

- [Self-employment Income Support Scheme](#)
- [Scottish Government's call](#) for more action to help self-employed
- [HMRC Helpline](#) for self-employed people and businesses
- [UK Government release](#) on DWP support, including for the self-employed
- [Citizens Advice Scotland](#) advice

## SMALL BUSINESSES

- Details of [support for businesses](#) including “one-off £10,000 grant to ratepayers of small businesses”
- [FSB advice](#)

## SOCIAL SECURITY

- [Universal Credit](#) advice on social security for those with Covid-19
- [Entitledto](#) advice
- [Turn2us](#) advice

## TRAVEL

- **Domestic:** [Transport Scotland](#)
- **International:** [FCO](#)

## TESTING

- [COVID-19 testing to get key workers back to work](#)
- First Minister's [FMQ response](#) on testing, 25<sup>th</sup> March

## THIRD SECTOR

- [SCVO advice](#)
- [£20 million](#) allocated to a Third Sector Resilience Fund, to help ensure the health and continued viability of the third sector organisations affected by cash flow and other problems, which have a key role to play in our national response

## VOLUNTEERING

### *Health Sector*

- Information on [Ready Scotland](#) website

### *By health board:*

- [NHS Ayrshire & Arran](#) have currently suspended their volunteering scheme.
- [NHS Borders](#)
- [NHS Dumfries & Galloway](#)
- [NHS Fife](#)
- [NHS Forth Valley](#)
- [NHS Grampian](#)
- [NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde](#)
- [NHS Highland](#)
- [NHS Lanarkshire](#)
- [NHS Lothian](#)
- [NHS Orkney](#)

- [NHS Shetland](#)
- [NHS Tayside](#)
- [NHS Western Isles](#)

#### ***Third sector***

- [Chest Heart and Stroke](#)
- [SCVO advice](#)

#### **WORKERS**

- [Protecting workers during coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [UK Government Guidance for Employees](#)
- [House of Commons blog on Employment Rights](#)

#### **YOUNG PEOPLE**

- [Young Scot](#)

### **SG CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): GUIDANCE**

#### **Businesses**

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): business and social distancing guidance](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance for businesses on offering support](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): support for Scottish fishing industry](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): fair work statement](#)

#### **Healthcare workers and carers**

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): advice for unpaid carers](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): CMO/CNO/CSWA letter on social care setting](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): clinical guidance for nursing home and residential care residents - updated March 26](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): clinical guidance for the management of clients accessing care at home, housing support and sheltered housing](#)

#### **Education and childcare**

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): school closure guidance for key workers](#)

#### **Housing**

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance for social landlords](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance for private landlords and letting agents](#)

#### **Other**

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): procurement regulations for public bodies](#)