

## HMRC COVID -19 Update for the Job Retention Scheme Briefing Note

In response to the HMRC COVID -19 Update for the Job Retention Scheme, we would like to signpost you to the email / information below.

The webinar referred to states that the system to claim payments from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (from HMRC) will be available from w/c 20 April 2020 when the full eligibility criteria should be available too.

There are a number of things you can do in advance to prepare for the online system launch.

We recommend that you listen to the webinar link below and familiarise yourself with all the information released so far; this includes preparing and working out staff payment amounts which will need to be entered by the individual. We also understand that further guidance and advice on how National Insurance and Pensions Contributions will be worked out will be available in due course.

Should you require any further support, please email the Free Entitlement funding queries mailbox at [Free.EntitlementFundingQueries@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Free.EntitlementFundingQueries@essex.gov.uk)

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### COVID-19 Update

Dear customer,

We want to help you get ready to make a claim under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

If you're eligible for the scheme, there are things that you can do now to be ready when the system is up and running later this month.

#### **You'll need to provide the following to make a claim:**

1. The bank account number and sort code you'd like us to use when we pay your claim.
2. The name and phone number of the person in your business for us to call with any questions.
3. Your Self-Assessment UTR (Unique Tax Reference), Company UTR or CRN (Company Registration Number).
4. The name, employee number and National Insurance number for each of your furloughed employees.
5. The total amount being claimed for all employees and the total furlough period.

If you use an agent who is authorised to act for you for PAYE purposes, they will be able to make a claim on your behalf, so please speak to them now.

However, if you use a file-only agent (files your RTI return but doesn't act for you in other matters), they won't be able to make a claim for you and you'll need the information listed above from them to make the claim yourself.

For more detailed advice, please visit [GOV.UK. This guidance is being regularly updated, so please review it frequently.](#)

You may also find this recorded webinar helpful, '[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Job Retention Scheme](#)', available on HMRC's YouTube channel.

**We'll email you again in the next few days with more details on how and when to access the online system – please do not try to do this until we let you know it is available.**

We wish you all the best at this challenging time,

HMRC Customer Services

**To find out all of the ways you can contact us and our opening times go to**

[GOV.UK – contact HMRC](#)

