



COVID-19 – Local Restrictions Support Grants (LRSG) and Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG)

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The Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) supports businesses in England that are required to close due to local or national restrictions.

Eligible businesses will get one grant for each property liable for business rates.

Local councils may at their discretion also provide funding for businesses that do not pay business rates.

How does it work?

Business premises forced to close in England can apply to receive grants worth up to £3,000 per month under the Local Restrictions Support Grant. Additionally, £1.1bn is being given to Local Authorities, distributed on the basis of £20 per head, for one-off payments to enable them to support businesses more broadly. The grants are available from 1st November.

Eligibility

The grants are payable every two weeks. You cannot claim for single weeks i.e. £750 for one week. It is either for a two-week period or none.

The grants are "per property". This means if you have a business with more than one premise, such as a restaurant with two branches that are both forced to close, you will receive two grants.

Further eligibility criteria may be determined by individual local authorities.

The amount your business will get under this scheme extension depends on its 'rateable value'.

Businesses required to close will be eligible for the following:

- For properties with a rateable value of £15k or under, grants to be £1,334 per month, or £667 per two weeks.
- For properties with a rateable value of between £15k-£51k grants to be £2,000 per month, or £1,000 per two weeks.
- For properties with a rateable value of £51k or over grants to be £3,000 per month, or £1,500 per two weeks.

Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG)

Local Authorities can determine how much funding to provide to businesses from the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG), and exactly which businesses to target.

However, the government is encouraging Local Authorities to develop discretionary grant schemes to help those businesses which – while not legally forced to close – are nonetheless severely impacted by the restrictions put in place to control the spread of Covid-19. This could include – for example – businesses which supply the retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors, or businesses in the events sector.

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How to apply

The grants will be administered by local authorities.

You should contact your local authority as soon as possible for further details.

It is then up to individual local authorities to determine eligibility and make payments as quickly as possible.

As always if you want more information, or if we can help in any other way, please get in touch.

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