

# Covid-19 Update – Self-Employment Income Support Scheme



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- The self-employment income support scheme eligibility checker is now available
- HMRC have started to send letters to those who may be eligible for support
- Anyone whose income has been reduced due to the impacted of Covid19 can apply
- Taxable grant of up to 80% of trading profits, capped at £7500
- Once the scheme is live (14 May) submitted claims are immediately approved (or not) and funds paid within 6 working days

Further information about the Self Employment Income Support Scheme highlighted in a previous Covid-19 Update (<https://www.kiteconsulting.com/2020/03/31/covid-19-update-self-employed-income/>) on 27 March 2020 is now available. The scheme is designed for those who are self-employed or are a member of a partnership and where their business income has been adversely affected by Covid-19.

There is currently no guidance on what constitutes adversely affected or any specific threshold that must be met to qualify.

## What is available?

A taxable grant of 80% of your average monthly trading profits is available. It will be paid in a single instalment covering three months and will be capped at £7,500.

The grant will be subject to Income Tax and National Insurance.

A maximum of three months payment backdated to 1 March is available, there is currently no indication that this timeframe will be extended beyond on the end of May.

## Can you continue to trade?

Yes, you can continue to trade, set-up a new trade, volunteer or be employed whilst claiming the grant.

## Who is eligible?

- Those with trading profits of no more than £50,000
- Those who traded in the year 2018/19 and submitted a tax return before 23 April 2020
- Those who traded in 2019/20
- Those who intend to continue trading in 2020/21
- Those whose trade has been adversely affected by Covid-19

Check individual eligibility online [here](#).

## How can the business be adversely affected by Covid-19?

- If you are unable to work because you are shielding, self-isolating, or have caring responsibilities
- If your supply chain has been interrupted
- If you have fewer customers
- If you are unable to come into work

## How can I claim?

The online eligibility checker will tell you whether you are eligible to claim; the claims system will be live from 14 May.

Eligibility to claim does not guarantee that you will be approved for the grant.

Once your claim is submitted you will be immediately informed if your grant is approved or not, if approved your grant will be paid directly within six working days.

Although an agent can check your eligibility for you, you must make the claim yourself.

Please ensure that all documentation is retained as details of the grant claimed will need to be kept as part of your business records and amounts submitted on your Self Assessment tax return.

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For further discussion or to help with any questions that you may have, please contact Consultant Support on [consultantsupport@kiteconsulting.com](mailto:consultantsupport@kiteconsulting.com) or 01902 851007 / 07542 403225

