

Covid-19 Update – Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Extended



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- Extension of the Job Retention Scheme to 31 October 2020
- Part-time furlough will be available from August but until then the scheme remains unchanged
- Employers to 'share' the cost of employee wages returning from August

The Government has announced plans to extend and modify the Job Retention Scheme which will be extended to the end of October 2020 to continue supporting businesses adversely affected by Covid-19.

From August, furloughed employees can return to work on a part-time basis with the Government continuing to provide support, but with employers also contributing towards the cost of wages. It is likely that the 80% pay level will remain with employers paying a percentage of this for those returning to work part-time, but full details have not yet been confirmed.

Up until the end of July the scheme restricts employers to either completely furloughing staff or keeping them on full pay. The change from August creates more flexibility when there is some, albeit, a reduced volume of work available.

Precise details regarding the scheme are not yet available, so the amount payable by the employer is not yet known nor if it only applies to those furloughed before August.

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