



Support for Businesses during the Coronavirus Pandemic



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The Government has announced a growing number of [measures designed to support businesses](#) during the national lockdown.

If the business was in occupation on 11 March, the support that we will be providing is:

Expanded Retail Discount

Businesses can receive 100 per cent discount off the business rate bill for 2020/21 if they are:

- Shops, restaurants, cafes, drinking establishments, cinemas and live music venues
- Places for assembly and leisure
- Hotels, guest & boarding premises and self-catering accommodation.

Find out who can and can't qualify for this relief

We have now processed this change and revised bills (showing nothing to pay) have been sent to all eligible businesses.

If you have not received a revised bill but think you may qualify for this expanded retail discount then you can review the government guidance for the [Retail Discount Scheme](#) or to check whether your bill has been reissued you can contact us on Revenues@hertsmere.gov.uk

Self-employment income support scheme

This grant has been extended from 1 November 2020. Find out more about the [self-employment income support scheme](#).

Are you employed but can't work due to Covid-19?

Get guidance and find out [what to do if you're employed but can't work](#) due to Covid-19.

Support for nursery businesses that pay business rates

This is a new business rate relief for properties occupied by providers of Ofsted's Early Years Register or properties wholly or mainly used for the provision of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

If you qualify you do not need to take any action and you will receive a revised bill showing nothing to pay towards the end of April.

We have already taken action to cancel your April direct debit but we need to implement a system update prior to issuing revised bills.

For further information you can also review the Governments guidance on [support for nursery businesses that pay business rates](#).

Hertfordshire Growth Hub

[Hertfordshire Growth Hub](#) is the central point of access for business support in Hertfordshire, and is on hand to help businesses access the advice and guidance they need to minimise the impact of the Coronavirus shutdown.

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