

Job Support Scheme announced

A new scheme to replace the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme when it closes at the end of October.

The new Job Support Scheme is intended to help protect 'viable jobs' in businesses facing lower demand over the winter months as a result of the pandemic, by topping up the wages of employees working less hours than normal.

Under the scheme, eligible employees will be paid for two-thirds of any hours that they are not able to work, split evenly between the government and their employer. This means that employees will receive at least 77% of their normal pay under the scheme.

The scheme launches on 1 November and will run for six months. To be eligible, employees must be earning at working at least 33% of their normal hours, and the level of government grant available will be capped at £697.92 a month. For more information please see the fact sheet:

[click here for information fact sheet](#)

Extension of Self-Employment Income Support Scheme

The extension will provide two grants and will last for six months, from November 2020 to April 2021. Grants will be paid in two lump sum instalments each covering a three-month period.

[For more information about the self employment support scheme click here](#)