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Check if you're eligible for the coronavirus Additional Restrictions Grant

The Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) supports businesses that are not covered by other grant schemes or where additional funding is needed.

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The Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) provides local councils with grant funding to support businesses that are severely impacted by restrictions, and that may or may not be in the business rates system.

Local councils can determine which businesses to support and determine the amount of funding provided from the ARG scheme.

4. Eligibility

Local councils have the freedom to determine the eligibility criteria for these grants. However, we expect the funding to help businesses that are severely impacted by the restrictions.

This could include:

- businesses which do not pay business rates
- businesses that have not received wider grant support
- businesses from all sectors that are severely impacted by restrictions

5. Businesses excluded from the fund

You cannot get funding if:

- your business is in administration, insolvent or has been struck off the Companies House register
- you have exceeded the permitted subsidy allowance

You must notify your local council if your situation changes and you no longer meet the eligibility criteria, for example, if you become insolvent.

6. Subsidy allowance

The new domestic subsidy allowance for the COVID-19 business support grants took effect on 4 March 2021. Applications made prior to that date are subject to the previous rules.

This scheme is covered by 3 subsidy allowances:

- Small Amounts of Financial Assistance Allowance – you're allowed up to £335,000 (subject to exchange rates) over any period of 3 years
- COVID-19 Business Grant Allowance – you're allowed up to £1,600,000
- COVID-19 Business Grant Special Allowance - if you have reached your limits under the Small Amounts of Financial Assistance Allowance and COVID-19 Business Grant Allowance, you may be

able to access a further allowance of funding under these scheme rules of up to £9,000,000, provided certain conditions are met

Grants under these 3 allowances can be combined for a potential total allowance of up to £10,935,000 (subject to exchange rates).

7. How to apply

Visit your local council's website to find out how to apply.

[Find the website for your local council.](#)