

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

I have received this update from the Chief Executive of HMRC:

Dear Sir John,

I want to update you on the opening of the [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#).

I know you are receiving a significant number of queries from constituents on the various measures HMRC is taking to provide support during the coronavirus outbreak. We are updating our guidance regularly and you will continue to hear about changes through our MP email digests.

As I confirmed when giving evidence to the Treasury Select Committee yesterday, we will open the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme for claim submissions **on 20 April**.

We have already issued emails to employers and tax agents letting them know that updated guidance is available on [GOV.UK](#) at:

Employer guidance

□Employee guidance

We will continue to communicate with you as the scheme develops and we will shortly be able to provide employers with the information they need to prepare to make a claim. In the meantime, we urge customers to review the guidance on [GOV.UK](#) to ensure they understand the latest position.

Employers should also reassure their staff that employees do not need to take action, as applications for funding to the scheme will be made via their employer.

I hope this information is helpful.

Best wishes,

Jim Harra

Chief Executive and First Permanent Secretary