<u>Eat Out to Help Out – look for the</u> <u>logo</u>

More than 53,000 outlets across the UK have so far signed up to the UK government's Eat Out to Help Out scheme – and a <u>new official government</u> <u>online finder</u> is available to help diners locate them.

As Eat Out to Help Out stickers and posters start to appear in the windows of restaurants, cafes, bars and other establishments across the country, customers who want to take advantage of the scheme are advised to look out for the logo.

The logo means diners who eat-in will benefit from a 50% discount, up to a maximum of £10 per person, on food and non-alcoholic drinks, any Monday to Wednesday in August 2020 – and no voucher is required. Diners can take advantage of the offer as many times as they like during the month.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak said:

Our restaurants, cafes and bars play a vital role in our economy, employing more than a million people. They have been hit hard by coronavirus, so it's vital we do everything we can to help them recover.

Our Eat Out to Help Out scheme is designed to get more customers through the door — protecting jobs by giving businesses the confidence to retain and hire staff. More than 53,000 businesses across the country have already signed up, and from today you'll be able to find one near you with the online finder.

To find out if a restaurant is participating in the Eat Out to Help Out scheme you can use the <u>online restaurant finder</u> now live on GOV.UK. Simply enter your postcode, or one near to where you want to eat out, to get a list of participating outlets within a 5-mile radius.

You can also get in touch with your local restaurant to see if they're taking part or check their website.

Participating outlets must wait 7 days from registration to make their first claim with all eligible claims being paid within 5 working days. Claims can be submitted weekly and businesses are encouraged to register before the 3 August to benefit for the entire month in which the scheme runs.

Further information for businesses, including <u>how to register and make a</u> <u>claim</u>, is available online at GOV.UK.

Businesses can:

Diners can find out how to use the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme.

The Eat Out to Help Out scheme is open to restaurants and other establishments that sell food for consumption on the premises. Establishments can provide their own dining area, or share it with others that allow customers to dine-in.

The discount can be used unlimited times and will be valid Monday to Wednesday on any eat-in meal, including on non-alcoholic drinks, for the entire month of August 2020 across the UK.

Customers do not need a voucher. Registered businesses simply reduce the bill by the appropriate amount, and the offer can be used with other promotions and offers the business accepts.

Help available to businesses:

YouTube video

- webchat service
- dedicated helpline for restaurants 0300 322 9429 available 8am until 4pm Monday to Friday
- <u>free downloadable promotional assets</u> to help businesses promote the scheme

HMRC will check claims and take appropriate action to withhold or recover payments found to be dishonest or inaccurate.

Tax agents cannot register or make claims on behalf of their clients. This will trigger a fraud alert and will result in delays in registering and claiming. Impacted clients will have to contact us separately to resolve.