



ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

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COVID-19 Business Update 34

Additional Restrictions Grant (Discretionary) now open

The Additional Restrictions Grant (Discretionary) (ARG) is now open for applications. Businesses that are not liable for Business Rates and are required to close for the 28-day national lockdown that started on 5th November may be eligible for the ARG. Additionally, businesses that are not required to close but have been severely affected due to client businesses being required to close may also be eligible.

The ARG is a discretionary grant scheme that runs alongside the Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSB), which is available for businesses that are liable for Business Rates and required to close.

[You should check if you're a business that was required to close as part of the national lockdown on gov.uk](#)

Businesses may receive grants of up to £3,000 for the 28-day period. Grant levels are discretionary so may be less than this.

You will need to provide evidence with your application, such as:

- the rateable value of your property (if you have one)
- the details of your fixed business costs
- the number of people you employ
- a recent bank statement to demonstrate your business was operating on 4 November this year
- evidence of a significant drop in income such as cancelled orders
- an invoice demonstrating supply to a business that is closed (if your business remains open)

Please note that businesses that have previously received other similar grants from the council will need to apply again.

If you have any questions, please contact discretionary.grants@ashford.gov.uk

You can find out if your business is eligible and complete an application online at www.ashford.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-for-business

Local Restrictions Support Grant now open

Businesses that are liable for Business Rates and are required to close due to the 28-day national lockdown that started on 5th November can apply for the Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG), which is now open. These grants are available to businesses that were open as usual and providing in-person

services to customers from the business premises the day before lockdown was imposed, and then required to close by law.

You should check if you're a business that was required to close as part of the national lockdown on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk).

Please note that businesses that have previously received other similar grants from the council will need to apply again.

You can read more and apply for the Local Restrictions Support Grant by clicking here

Business Support News

A20 road closure between Tesco roundabout and Jct 10a, 23 November - 4 December

To address concerns about water draining from the footpath and carriageway more slowly than expected, further works are required to the footway and carriageway on the A20 between the Pilgrims Hospice access and the M20 Junction 10a.

In order to undertake these works, a full closure in both directions of the A20 Hythe Road, from M20 Junction 10a to the Tesco/The Street roundabout is required from 23rd November 2020 to 4th December 2020.

Access for all local residents and businesses on Hythe Road between

Pilgrims Hospice and Tesco will be maintained.

For all other traffic a signposted diversion is via the new M20 junction 10a gyratory, west along the new A2070 Link Road to the new roundabout on the A2070, then north along the A2070 to M20 junction 10 roundabout and exit onto the A20 towards Tesco. A similar diversion route will be available in reverse for the other direction

[You can read more about the M20 Junction 10a by clicking here](#)

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scheduled by KCC Trading Standards. You can view the Exporting Food and Drink webinar above, and register for upcoming webinars using the following links:

[You can register for the Consumer Product Safety webinar on 25 November by clicking here](#)

[You can register for the Getting Goods ready for Export webinar on 9 December by clicking here](#)

[You can register for the General Q&A for Business webinar on 23 December by clicking here](#)



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