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UK JOB RETENTION (FURLOUGH) SCHEME EXTENDED TO 31 OCTOBER 2020

Chancellor Rishi Sunak has announced that the scheme will now be open for a further four months until the end of October.

The same eligibility conditions will apply for businesses and employees until the end of July, and then changes “to allow more flexibility” will come in from the start of August. From August furloughed workers will be able to return to work part-time with employers being asked to pay a percentage towards the salaries of their furloughed staff. More specific details and information around its implementation are to be made available by the end of this month.

If you cannot maintain your current workforce because your operations have been severely affected by coronavirus (COVID-19), you can furlough employees and apply for a grant that covers 80% of their usual monthly wage costs, up to £2,500 a month, plus the associated Employer National Insurance contributions and pension contributions (up to the level of the minimum automatic enrolment employer pension contribution) on that subsidised furlough pay.

BCSA wrote to Business Minister Alok Sharma to ask for an extension of the scheme beyond the initial for month period on 9th April 2020.

Further information on the scheme can be found [here](#).

Business support helpline

Contact the government’s business support helpline for free advice:

Phone: 0300 456 3565

Webchat: [talk to an adviser using the webchat](#)

Phoneline and webchat open Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm

Email: enquiries@businesssupporthelpline.org

Find more details and helplines in [Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland](#).

Irish Government Business Support call centre: +353 1 631 2002

Email: infobusinesssupport@dbei.gov.ie

All memos and information from the BCSA regarding COVID-19 can be viewed at www.steelconstruction.org/covid19



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