

# Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



**CYNGOR GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

## **Gwynedd Business Support Bulletin 29.10.2020**

### **Lockdown Business Fund**

The fund consists of two separate grants, and has opened yesterday afternoon, 28 October 2020. The new scheme will include support for most businesses who receive a business rates (non-domestic rates) bill. No payments will be released automatically – an application must be presented to claim the funds. For information about the grants available, how to register, eligibility and how to apply, go to:

<https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Businesses/Help,-support-and-training/Lockdown-grants.aspx>

To save time, before you begin to complete the application please make sure you have carefully read the guidance and have the following information to hand:

- Your VAT Registration Number, Company Registration Number and HMRC Unique Taxpayer Reference (whichever of these is applicable to you)
- Your annual turnover pre-COVID (or forecasted turnover if the business is less than 12 months old)
- Your bank account details (bank name, account name, account number and sort code)

- Information about any public sector support you've received over the last three years (who provided the support, the value of the support and date the support was provided)
- Only if you're applying for the Non-Domestic Rates Grants: your Business Rates Reference Number (this is the code which appears on your Business Rates bill – if you can't find your number, e-mail [trethiannomestig@gwynedd.llyw.cymru](mailto:trethiannomestig@gwynedd.llyw.cymru). To prevent fraud we cannot provide this information over the telephone)
- Only if you're applying for the Discretionary Grant: a copy of the latest bank statement relating to the business (this could be a personal bank account if you don't have a separate account for the business) – you'll receive an e-mail after you submit your application asking you to upload the statement

A fixed budget has been provided for Gwynedd to fund the grant and the scheme will be administered on a first come, first served basis so it is important that an application is presented as soon as possible. Gwynedd Council has released a statement urging the county's businesses to register for Welsh Government financial support that is available to help companies affected by the current Coronavirus firebreak. For the statement, go to:

<http://bit.ly/PressReleaseGwynedd28Oct2020>

## **Economic Resilience Fund ERF Business Development Grant**

The ERF Phase 3 Business Development Grant, which includes ring-fenced funds for tourism and hospitality, also opened for applications yesterday, 28 October 2020. For further information, to check your eligibility and apply, go to:

<https://fundchecker.businesswales.gov.wales/erfphase3>

## **Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme – closes on 31 October 2020**

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) closes on 31 October 2020 and you will need to make any final claims on or before 30 November. You will not be able to submit or add to any claims after 30 November 2020. More information on:

<https://bit.ly/31TgLDW>

## **National coronavirus firebreak: Closure of businesses and premises**

Guidance relating to non-essential businesses and premises that must be closed from 6:00pm on 23 October 2020 can be found on the Welsh Government's website. It also sets out the limited purposes for which some closed businesses and premises may be accessed. Go to:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-covid-19-closure-businesses-and-premises-html>

The latest guidance and FAQ's about the firebreak is on the following link to the Welsh Government's website, which is regularly updated:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-firebreak-frequently-asked-questions>

## **Food and Drink EU Transition Newsletter**

As it's now only two months before the end of the Transition Period, Business Wales have released the first in a series of newsletters to help food and drink businesses prepare for January 2021. In the coming weeks, key information will be shared about what you need to do now to get ready to trade with the EU from 1 January 2021. Follow the link to see this newsletter:

<https://bit.ly/34IUQRP>

Subscribe to Welsh Government's Food and Drink Industry newsletter:

<https://gov.wales/subscribe-food-and-drink-wales-newsletter>

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More useful information is available from:

## **Gwynedd Council – Business Support**

<https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/businesscovid19>

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# Gwynedd Business Network

<https://www.gwyneddbusnes.net/>

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<https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice/>

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