

# WAKEFIELD FIRST

## **BREAK DOWN THE LOCAL RESTRICTIONS SUPPORT GRANT – VIA WAKEFIELD FIRST’S FAQ’S**

**Q. HOW DO I APPLY FOR A GRANT?**

**A. Please complete the application form that is available via the following link <https://wakefieldfirst.com/covid-19/>**

**Q. WHAT IS THE TURNAROUND TIME FOR APPLICATIONS?**

**A. Businesses will be notified of the decision and payment made to them within 12 working days of receiving the application and any relevant supporting documentation.**

**Q. IF I AM ELIGIBLE FOR MORE THAN ONE GRANT, FOR EXAMPLE I AM A LEISURE ACCOMODATION OR HOSPITALITY BUSINESS WHO COULD HAVE RECEIVED A TIER 2 GRANT, AND CONTINUE TO BE LEGALLY MANDATED TO CLOSE DUE TO NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS, DO I NEED TO MAKE MORE THAN ONE GRANT APPLICATION?**

**A. No – there is one single application form, if you are deemed eligible for more than one grant this will be awarded as part of one process and we will notify you within 5 working days of your application.**

**Q. I RECEIVE SMALL BUSINESS RATE RELIEF, AND THEREFORE DON'T PAY ANY RATES. DO I NEED TO TICK YES WHERE IT ASKS IF I AM A RATE PAYER?**

**Yes. As you receive SBRR you will still be on the ratings list and receive a statement for business rates. Please tick yes to this question, and input your business rates reference number which can be found on your latest rates statement.**

**Q. MY BUSINESS IS LEGALLY MANDATED TO CLOSE, HOWEVER I AM STILL OPEN FOR LIMITED TRADING, FOR EXAMPLE, I AM A PUB WHO IS CLOSED, HOWEVER, I SELL TAKE AWAY ALCOHOL, OR I AM A NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL SHOP WHO IS MANDATED TO CLOSE BUT I OFFER A CLICK AND COLLECT SERVICE, AM I STILL ABLE TO RECEIVE THE GRANT?**

**A. Yes, as your main business is legally mandated to close you are still eligible to receive the national restrictions grant even if you are still providing a restricted trade.**

**Q. IF MY BUSINESS IS NOT LEGALLY MANDATED TO CLOSE, HOWEVER I AM SEVERLEY IMPACTED DUE TO RESTRICTIONS, OR I HAVE VOLUNTARILY CLOSED AS IT IS NOT FINANCIALLY VIABLE TO REMAIN OPEN, WILL I BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT?**

**A. No, there are 3 grants available at this time:-**

**Local Restrictions Support grant for businesses subject to Tier 2 restrictions, these are Leisure, Accommodation and Hospitality.**

**Local Restrictions Support Grants for Night Time Entertainment Venues, who have been forced to close from March 2020, these are nightclubs, dance halls, discotheques, sexual entertainment venues and hostess bars.**

**National restrictions support grant, for businesses who have been legally mandated to close due to national lockdown, a full list of businesses can be found [here](#).**

**We will provide more detail about further grant funding as this become available, please continue to review the Wakefield First Website for more information about further grants.**

**Q. WHEN DO BUSINESSES HAVE TO HAVE BEEN TRADING IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS FUNDING?**

**The business must have been trading the day before restrictions came into force.**

**Q. IF I HAVE JUST STARTED A NEW BUSINESS AND I AM LEGALLY MANDATED TO CLOSE, WILL I STILL QUALIFY FOR A GRANT?**

**A. If your business meets qualifying criteria below, you will still be able to receive a grant:-**

- **open as usual before any restrictions were in place**
- **registered for business rates at the premises as of the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020**
- **required to close down due to the restrictions imposed by the government**

**Q. WILL I BE REQUIRED TO PAY TAX ON MY GRANT?**

**A. All grant payments are subject to tax. Only businesses that make an overall profit once grant income is included will be subject to tax.**

**Q. DO GRANTS COUNT TOWARDS STATE AID?**

**A. Yes, by accepting the grant you must confirm you are not in breach of state aid rules please see further information about [state aid rules](#)**

**Q. IF I AM A BUSINESS WHO IS LEGALLY MANDATED TO CLOSE, HOWEVER I PAY MY BUSINESS RATES THROUGH MY LANDLORD, WILL I STILL BE ABLE TO CLAIM THE NATIONAL RESTRICTONS GRANT?**

**A. No, only the individual registered as the rate payer is able to make a claim, in order to be eligible for the national restrictions grant a business must be a business rate payer and legally mandated to close.**

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