

28th May 2020

Briefing Note

CECA Scotland Member Briefing:

COVID-19 - CECA SCOTLAND UPDATE

Introduction

CECA Scotland will be producing regular updates to keep member companies updated on new developments relating to the Covid-19 coronavirus and its impact on the Scottish civils sector. This briefing will be delivered daily and posted on our website. If you would like further information or to share your experiences about how COVID-19 is impacting on your business, contact our Chief Executive, Grahame Barn: 07976 199615 or grahame@cecascotland.co.uk.

Restart of Scottish Construction Sector from 29th May

The Scottish Government have today, 28th May, [announced the easing of Scotland's lockdown measures](#). As part of the first phase, the construction sector has now been given the green light to restart work from tomorrow, with Phase 1 commencing tomorrow, Friday 29th May. Further consultation with industry bodies (including CECA Scotland) and unions will be required before moving on to the second stage of the restart plan, “to ensure it is safe to do so and in line with public health advice”.

The industry-agreed six-step phased model for the return of the construction sector is:

- Phase 0: Planning
- Phase 1: COVID-19 Pre-start Site prep
- Phase 2: ‘Soft start’ to site works (only where physical distancing can be maintained)
- Phase 3: Steady state operation (only where physical distancing can be maintained)
- Phase 4: Steady state operation (where physical distancing can be maintained and/or with PPE use)
- Phase 5: Increasing density/productivity with experience

The Scottish Government guidance states that “Easing restrictions will not mean returning to how things were before the virus. Physical distancing, hand hygiene, and other critical behaviours will be essential in each area to ensure public and workforce confidence”.

COVID-19 Construction Sector Guidance

Updated Scottish Government guidance for the construction industry, issued today (28th May) can be viewed [here](#).

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Suggestions on how to improve the guidance can be made to the Construction Policy Team at covid.construction@gov.scot (or please send to CECA Scotland and we will raise on your behalf).

Construction Scotland Safe Operating Procedures

The updated Scottish Government guidance should be read alongside the Construction Scotland safe operating procedures, *Working on site during the COVID-19 pandemic: Construction Guidance* and *Re-start Plan commentary and model*. You can download these via the links below:

- [Construction Scotland Safe Operating Procedures](#)
- [Construction Scotland Restart Plan Commentary](#) and [Restart Model](#)

Easing of Lockdown

In addition to the construction restart, the First Minister also announced today an easing of lockdown, as Scotland moves into Phase 1 of COVID-19 recovery. While physical distancing and staying at home still key to tackling COVID-19, outdoor restrictions will ease from tomorrow.

Read more on today's announcement [here](#) and the updated Scottish Government guidance, *Staying at home and away from others* (physical distancing) [here](#)

Free Inclusive Value Resource for Construction Sector

An Industry Guide has been published (27th May) to support the construction industry attract and retain women into the sector. Delivered in partnership by Sir Robert McAlpine, Construction Scotland Innovation Centre, Equate Scotland and City of Glasgow College, the online tool has been designed that will assist employers in the UK construction sector work towards creating a more inclusive and diverse workplace.

Access the Inclusive Value tool [here](#).

CECA National Weekly Update

CECA National's Weekly Update, covering 20-27th May, has been published and can be viewed [here](#).

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COVID-19 Transport Transition Plan

As some lockdown measures are eased, Transport Scotland have published a Transport Transition Plan, with advice on how to stay safe while walking, wheeling, cycling, or travelling in private vehicles or on public transport during COVID-19. Read it [here](#).

Managing waste during COVID-19

Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) have launched an information hub to support Scotland's waste managers. Hosted on a dedicated section of managingourwaste.scot, the resources provide information and signpost to the most up-to-date guidance on a range of topics, including support for businesses, environmental regulations, temporary regulatory positions and health and safety. Visit managingourwaste.scot/wastemanagement.

CECA Scotland Webinars

Director's Responsibilities in the Current Climate, Tuesday 2nd June, 11am

We are hosting a short webinar to members on Directors' responsibilities in the current climate. The webinar will be delivered by Matt Henderson, Restructuring Partner, Johnson Carmichael. You can find out more and sign up [here](#).

Ken Yer Bairns - Session 2, Bridging the Gap, Wednesday 3rd June, 11am

In session 2 of "Ken Yer Bairns", Bob Cummins of [Soak](#) will explore how we can bridge the gap between the generations through a better understand of what drives us and others and start to explore the advantages of being different. To book your place, click [here](#).

School Re-opening in Scotland

Guidance has been published today on the re-opening of schools, including advice on practical measures to allow schools to re-open on 11 August. Read the guidance in full [here](#).

The Scottish Government's latest COVID-19 advice for businesses can be read [here](#)

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