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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.

Support the Fight Against Coronavirus in Scotland

The Scottish Government have published [guidance](#) (29th April) establishing a single point of contact to help prioritise offers of support from businesses and to ensure support goes where it will have most impact. The need for support is varied but key areas might include manufacturing, medical equipment and supplies, infrastructure, transport and distribution.

How to offer support

Businesses can [offer to help with the response to coronavirus by completing this online form](#).

If you have already sent an offer by email, you do not need to complete this form again. You will be contacted as soon as possible if your support is needed.

Offer PPE to NHS Scotland

Anyone with PPE that meets the NHS standards can [offer their PPE directly to the NHS](#) on the NHS Scotland Supply Offers Portal. All personal protective equipment (PPE) for the NHS or social care services must meet the [NHS PPE standards](#) which you can read on GOV.UK.

Pivotal Enterprise Resilience Fund

Applications have opened today (30th April) for the Scottish Government's £45 million Pivotal Enterprise Resilience Fund, which is available to businesses in Scotland with up to 249 employees. This grant is for businesses that can play a critical role in supporting Scotland's recovery but need some immediate support.

How long does this take?

Applications take up to 10 working days. Your circumstances and how these relate to your local area, region or industry will be taken into account. Your impact in terms of employment or effect

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on other local or regional business will be looked at. If you meet the eligibility criteria your application will be reviewed, and successful applicants will be notified. Money will then be paid 100% upfront - please note, if you are successful, you MUST accept the offer in 3 working days

How to apply?

You will need to meet the stated eligibility criteria, have a business bank account, provide a bank statement from your business bank account that is less than three months old, provide a Companies House registration number, provide a VAT registration number and provide the following information to complete a 12 month cash flow table.

The cash flow table should include any invoicing discount drawdown, net debtors receipts, VAT, funding from Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, funding from Coronavirus Interruption Loan Scheme, any other COVID 19 grants or other grants, any other income; cost of wages and salaries, PAYE/NI costs, pension costs, employee expenses, HP payments, corporate credit card payments due, non-stock supplier direct debits, supplier direct debits, bank term loan repayments, bank charges & Interest, Supplier payments, any other monthly payments and overdraft limit.

Detailed guidance for applicants can be read [here](#). To apply, click [here](#)

Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund

The Scottish Government's £34 million fund to help the newly self-employed, has also opened today. More details [here](#)

CICV Forum Cashflow Campaign

The Construction Industry Coronavirus Forum, of which CECA Scotland is a member, is calling for action to keep cash flowing in the sector and today has gained significant media coverage in the trade press which you can read here: [Scottish Construction Now](#), [Scottish Plant](#), [Scottish Business News](#). Find out more about the cashflow campaign on the CECA Scotland website [here](#).

CECA Scotland Webinar: "Ken Yer Bairns"

Bob Cummins of Sodak Ltd will be delivered a unique series of CECA Scotland Webinars, targeted as employees currently balancing working with home schooling and all who wish to gain a greater understanding of "Generation Z". The first seminar is on Wednesday 6th May at 11am. For further details, visit our website [here](#). To book your place, click [here](#).

For more information please contact Grahame Barn on grahame@cecascotland.co.uk

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Business Gateway's virtual & local COVID-19 business support

A reminder that Business Gateway have produced a comprehensive range of resources to help meet the needs and challenges Scottish businesses face due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. See a list of free business resources that may be useful at [Business support - Coronavirus](#)

Scottish Government Advice

The Scottish Government's latest COVID-19 advice for businesses can be read here: <https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/coronavirus-advice>. For issues not dealt with on the website, call the Scottish Government Helpline on 0300 303 0660.

HMRC Tax Helpline: 0800 024 1222, open 8am-4pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information please contact Grahame Barn on grahame@cecascotland.co.uk