

WELSH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

Last Updated January 14th 2021

From **20th December**, Wales will enter a national lockdown with a review expected in January
This means:

- People must stay at home except for essential purposes and for those who cannot work from home.
- All schools will remain closed until 18th January and are to continue to use remote learning and will, except in the case of vulnerable children and those of key workers
- Hospitality venues are to close, but are able to offer takeaway and delivery on food and drink.

Additional grants

The chancellor revealed **a funding package** to help businesses forced to close as a result of **the new restrictions**.

It includes one-off grants of up to £9,000 for retail and hospitality firms, depending on their size.

- £4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under
- £6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
- £9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000

These payments will be made through local authorities and will be in addition to the Local Restrictions Support Grants already in place.

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WALES GRANT FUNDING DETAILS

The Welsh Government has published some updated information on the new grant scheme, covering the ERF Restrictions Business Fund and the ERF Sector Specific Support, both of which apply to pubs and impacted supply chain businesses. The detail can be found [here](#). Highlights are:

Welsh Economic Resilience Fund (ERF) opened January 13th

The Welsh Government has opened its ERF Sector Specific Fund for applications from businesses of up to 10 employees. The period for applications is two weeks, or until the funds are fully committed.

This is a grant to provide emergency financial assistance to businesses and their employees (primarily in the hospitality, leisure and tourism sectors including supply chains) where businesses have been forced to close or have been materially affected by restrictions that was announced on 30th November 2020 and commenced on 4th December 2020.

The [guidance notes](#) explain who is eligible and the maximum grant that businesses of different sizes can apply for, and an [eligibility checker](#) has also been provided.

ERF Restrictions Business Fund:

The ERF Restrictions Business Fund will provide the following financial assistance:

- Businesses in the hospitality sector that are in receipt of Small Business rate relief (SBRR) and have a rateable value of £12,000 or less will be eligible **for a £3,000 payment**.
- Hospitality businesses with a rateable value of between £12,001 and £51,000 will **be eligible for a £5,000 payment** if impacted by the restrictions.

How to access the ERF Restrictions Fund:

Businesses **must be on the non-domestic rates (NDR) rating list for their local authority on 1 September.**

Hospitality businesses who received the Lockdown Business Grant in October via their Local Authority will begin receiving payments via the ERF Restriction Fund into their bank account during December. These businesses will not be required to re-register their details.

For all other eligible businesses to receive any of the ERF Restrictions Fund, businesses will need to register their details, as well as making a short on-line application to their respective local authority for the discretionary elements.

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Businesses will be able to access the registration and application process to access the funding through the Business Wales and Local Authority websites.

Attached is a useful guide on grants available in Wales.

<https://www.admiraltaverns.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Grants-Available-for-Businesses-in-Wales-BII-Guide-Jan-2021.pdf>

Updated Coronavirus Control Plan for Wales published

The Welsh Government today published ([here](#)) their updated Coronavirus Control Plan which brings into effect the tier system announced on Friday. As set out last week, the Welsh tier system has four alert levels – low, medium, high and very high. The restrictions on hospitality are set out in Annex A of the document, but can be summarised as:

- Tier one (low) - Licensed premises can serve alcohol between 6am and 10pm Premises (including BYO) must close by 10:20pm.
- Tier two (medium) - Licensed premises can serve alcohol between 6am and 10pm where it is part of a substantial meal Premises (including BYO) must close by 10:20pm.
- Tier three (high) - No alcohol for consumption on premises. Can open between 6am and 6pm, and for takeaway after 6pm.
- Tier four (very high) - Closed (except for takeaway and delivery).

Useful links

Gweler isod ddolen i fersiwn Cymru o ganllaw Lletygarwch y DU / Please find below a link to the Wales version of the UK Hospitality guidance

Dolen Lletygarwch yn y DU / UK Hospitality link >>>>>

Welsh Government - <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-regulations-guidance>