



The current grant situation is very confusing and we are aware that some businesses have not yet applied for money they are eligible for. I have tried to summarise it below:

1. Local Restrictions Grant – open This is for businesses in the hospitality, accommodation and leisure sectors that were trading throughout August, September and October. Eligibility criteria and the application process can be found here: <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/Pages/local-restrictions-support-grant-open-for-business.aspx>

2. Additional Restrictions Grant - this covers 2 areas:

- a. Businesses mandated to close by Government on 5th November BUT without a rateable value for the property
- b. Businesses that supply the hospitality, accommodation and leisure sectors with or without a rateable value

More details and the form can be found here: <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/Pages/additional-restrictions-grant.aspx>

3. Tier 4 Local Restrictions Grant - covers from 31st December – if you have already received a grant payment under the earlier national lockdown scheme (for November) then you do not need to do anything, and the payments for Tier 4/3rd lockdown will be made automatically. If you haven't applied but think you should be eligible have a look at : <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/Pages/local-restrictions-support-grant.aspx> . By successfully applying for the November grant, you will automatically start receiving the Tier 4/3rd lockdown payments.

4. 3rd Lockdown grant for retail, hospitality and leisure - this was announced earlier this week but we don't have any more information at this stage. As soon as we do, I will issue a further newsletter.

In all cases, the grants are **not** available to those who are self-employed and can make a claim through HMRC for the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme.

And finally – a reminder of the national lockdown rules:

The single most important action we are each being asked to take, is to stay at home, except for the following permitted reasons:

- To shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person

- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- meet your [support bubble](#) or [childcare bubble](#) where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- attend education or childcare - for those eligible

If you leave home for a permitted reason, you should stay local, only leaving your local area for a legally permitted reason.

You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone you do not live with or are not in a [support bubble](#) with.

Regards

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