



**This information is correct as at 8.30am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November and is subject to change.**

### **INFORMATION FOR THOSE BUSINESSES WHO HAVE TO CLOSE UNDER THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN**

The national restrictions take effect from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November until 2<sup>nd</sup> December, with details about which venues **MUST** close down being found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#businesses-and-venues>

Businesses that fall within this category are eligible for a Government grant, with the amount being based on the rateable value of your property. This scheme will be administered by the Council's Revenue and Benefits Team and applications are now open. Information on how to apply, further eligibility criteria and the form can be found here: <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/Pages/local-restrictions-support-grant.aspx>

Please note – this is **NOT** a discretionary scheme and businesses must meet the criteria set out by Government to be eligible, including trading on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

**DO NOT APPLY** unless you are in one of the specified sectors on the list of businesses and venues.

This funding is only available for those businesses with a rateable value (ie you must have your own business rates reference). We hope to be able to announce a scheme for businesses without this sometime next week. Please bear with us on this.

### **INFORMATION FOR ALL BUSINESSES**

The **bank finance schemes** have been extended and you can still apply for a Bounce Back Loan or Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan – closing date is now 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 for applications. You should approach your own bank in the first instance but you can apply to any of the accredited providers.

The **self-employed income support scheme** has also been extended and more information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/self-employment-income-support-scheme-grant-extension/self-employment-income-support-scheme-grant-extension>

The **furlough scheme** has also been extended, with the proposed job retention scheme postponed for the time being.

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Regards

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