

You many have seen on the news that the government has announced further support for small businesses, via the **Bounce Back Loans** scheme.

Businesses will be able to borrow between £2,000 and £50,000 and access the cash within days, interest free for the first 12 months. This will be a fast-track finance scheme and businesses will be able to apply online, through a short and simple form. No repayments will be due during the first 12 months.

The government will provide lenders with a 100 per cent guarantee for the loan and pay any fees and interest for the first 12 months.

The scheme will launch for applications on Monday 4 May, with companies able to access loans through a network of accredited lenders.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/small-businesses-boosted-by-bounce-back-loans

**Be the Business** is a national business support organisation offering advice and guidance on a range of business topics. They have just launched an interesting prompt regarding cash flow in these difficult times:

https://www.bethebusiness.com/productivity-insights/coronavirus-cash-flow/ They also issue regular bulletins and you can sign up to receive these via their website.

The National Physical Laboratory (NPL) are making their suite of **online training available FREE** of charge during the current COVID situation. Courses include a variety of content, including metrology, dimensional measurement and other specialist areas.

For more information please see:

https://www.npl.co.uk/skills-learning/free-e-learning?utm\_campaign=Free-elearning&utm\_source=Affiliate&utm\_medium=email&utm\_content=link

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## Regards

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