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| |  | | --- | | **Brexit**  The Brexit transition period comes to an end, and new rules for trade, travel and business will come into force, on 1 January 2021. Whilst negotiations on a deal are ongoing, there is support and advice available for steps your business can take now.  BEIS are running the following free workshops for business:   * [**Services and investment**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MjguMjc4MzcxMzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53b3JrY2FzdC5jb20vcmVnaXN0ZXI_Y3Bhaz0xMDUzMzc3MjczOTk1MDMwJnJlZmVycmVyPUJJUkQifQ.iz5a7vZ9NeVAPcRyf6e1faN9h50aK4lfFhl3L_Rcc1Y/s/1117154131/br/86055103139-l) – 11am, Tuesday 13 October * [**Retail**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MjguMjc4MzcxMzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53b3JrY2FzdC5jb20vcmVnaXN0ZXI_Y3Bhaz04MjMzNzMyNzQ4OTQ3OTc1JnJlZmVycmVyPUJJUkQifQ.gHqOHbcCwhdIxk73Pmkf2KQDOhgoPEAxHwrvFBOJ7yA/s/1117154131/br/86055103139-l) – 11am, Wednesday 14 October * [**Automotive**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MjguMjc4MzcxMzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53b3JrY2FzdC5jb20vcmVnaXN0ZXI_Y3Bhaz03MjYwNjcyODY1MDM3ODYxJnJlZmVycmVyPUJJUkQifQ.V5kCaNp-u0tiMHlDpuEyggR3nKK1dMVej7vffpES5eE/s/1117154131/br/86055103139-l) – 2pm, Wednesday 14 October * [**Metals and other materials**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MjguMjc4MzcxMzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53b3JrY2FzdC5jb20vcmVnaXN0ZXI_Y3Bhaz00NjgzODY1NTI3Mzg4NTg3JnJlZmVycmVyPUJJUkQifQ.X1tVp6JKPFYHJizKWZhKMFRpDKz7VgdLPlTy0M1P-Us/s/1117154131/br/86055103139-l) – 11am, Tuesday 20 October * [**Electronics and machinery**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MjguMjc4MzcxMzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53b3JrY2FzdC5jb20vcmVnaXN0ZXI_Y3Bhaz0xNzA0MjIzMjk2NjI5MDE3JnJlZmVycmVyPUJJUkQifQ.D41LPHy5fkq7X_1k1et8Ug1jIud2O35vRJjcQQYssi0/s/1117154131/br/86055103139-l) – 11am, Wednesday 21 October * [**Consumer goods**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MjguMjc4MzcxMzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53b3JrY2FzdC5jb20vcmVnaXN0ZXI_Y3Bhaz00NDE0OTU4Mjk5ODI4OTg4JnJlZmVycmVyPUJJUkQifQ.tkswQNhXsvwaHlrSP8AsnXyQegXPuynBxKiVOgYMw2w/s/1117154131/br/86055103139-l) – 11am, Thursday 22 October * [**Life sciences**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MjguMjc4MzcxMzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53b3JrY2FzdC5jb20vcmVnaXN0ZXI_Y3Bhaz01NjE0OTA3Nzc5ODU4ODU1JnJlZmVycmVyPUJJUkQifQ.Cn0MJ-0nAdiv1HGhxjpkX9B7ymxg7P4czKwMBw4wb-w/s/1117154131/br/86055103139-l) – 11am, Tuesday 27 October * [**Construction**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MjguMjc4MzcxMzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53b3JrY2FzdC5jb20vcmVnaXN0ZXI_Y3Bhaz02NjU0MTAxOTQ4OTIxMDQzJnJlZmVycmVyPUJJUkQifQ.72rBkXmVstgVlT7PlLwhHwheJcpW3L5yy_-KKoz78Gg/s/1117154131/br/86055103139-l) – 11am, Wednesday 28 October * [**Aerospace**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MjguMjc4MzcxMzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53b3JrY2FzdC5jb20vcmVnaXN0ZXI_Y3Bhaz03NDEzNjY3MDk3MDEzMDk5JnJlZmVycmVyPUJJUkQifQ.9mzDVcHW-6bgAqjtOpFgKtHwI7DarwVgIREYGxfOjBk/s/1117154131/br/86055103139-l) – 11am, Thursday 29 October   For more help and advice:  The Business Growth Hub has a [support page](https://www.businessgrowthhub.com/eu-exit) set up with links to a [Brexit toolkit,](https://www.businessgrowthhub.com/eu-exit/toolkit) [10 "no regret" steps](https://www.businessgrowthhub.com/eu-exit/ten-actions) you can take now and [access to expert advice](https://www.businessgrowthhub.com/eu-exit/get-advice).  The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce has a [Brexit Hub](https://www.gmccbrexithub.com/), which includes an [online readiness assessment for exporters and importers](https://www.gmccbrexithub.com/online-brexit-readiness-assessme), information on workshops and seminars and links to [fully funded Brexit support](https://www.gmccbrexithub.com/brexit-funded-support).  **COVID-19**  The latest information on the government's support measures for businesses is available on the [Council's COVID-19 Support page](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/Policy/Coronavirus-(COVID-19)-Service-changes,-support-an/Coronavirus-Support-for-Businesses).  A wide range of advice, support and tools for dealing with the issues caused by COVID-19 are available from the [Business Growth Hub](https://www.businessgrowthhub.com/coronavirus).  Information on the latest measures announced in the Winter Economy Plan is available [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/winter-economy-plan). | |

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| |  | | --- | | [The final draft of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone Plan is now open for consultation.](https://cleanairgm.com/clean-air-consultation)  It is important that businesses give their opinion on the plan through the consultation, which is open until 3 December.   The plan will introduce a ‘category C’ Greater Manchester-wide Clean Air Zone. Vans, buses, coaches, taxis, private hire vehicles, minibuses and heavy goods vehicles that do not meet certain emissions standards will have to pay a daily charge to drive in the zone. Private cars, motorbikes and mopeds are not included.  The zone would operate 24/7 and follow as closely as possible the administrative boundary of Greater Manchester. It includes local roads but not motorways, or major trunk roads, which Highways England is responsible for. | |

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| |  | | --- | | [Proposals for introducing common standards for all taxi and private hire vehicles licensed in Greater Manchester are now open for consultation](https://www.gmtaxistandards.com/).  The proposals focus on four areas: – Drivers – common standards – Vehicles – accessibility and emissions – Operators - accountability – Local authorities – licensing and enforcement  The consultation closes on 3 December. | |

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| |  | | --- | | **Tameside businesses urged to support launch of NHS Test and Trace app**  Tameside businesses are being urged to prepare for the new NHS COVID-19 app to assist test and tracing and help contain the virus. Businesses such as pubs, restaurants, hairdressers, cinemas and other venues - which are currently taking a register of customers’ names upon entrance – are legally required to display NHS QR code posters so customers who have downloaded the [new NHS COVID-19 app](https://covid19.nhs.uk/) can use their smartphones to easily check-in.   The national launch of the NHS COVID-19 app across England and Wales took place on Thursday 24 September. The posters can be [downloaded via a website to be displayed in premises](https://www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster). Using the new COVID-19 app, customers and visitors in Tameside will be able to check-in on entry with their phone instead of filling out a check-in book or tool specific to a business. This will allow NHS Test and Trace to contact customers with public health advice should there be a COVID-19 outbreak.  Using QR codes will help businesses meet the new legal requirement to record the contact details of customers, visitors and staff on their premises.  An alternative check-in method must be maintained to collect the contact details of those who don’t have the app, like a handwritten register.  Businesses already using their own QR system are encouraged to switch to the NHS Test and Trace QR code, as the new system will allow for a quicker Test and Trace process.  Businesses can download the QR code posters at [gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster](https://www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster).  For more information on the NHS COVID-19 app, visit [covid19.nhs.uk](https://covid19.nhs.uk/). | |