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| [On the evening of 4 January the Prime Minister announced that England would be entering another period of national lockdown, starting at 00:01am 5 January 2021, to slow the spread of COVID-19.](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-announces-national-lockdown)Initial guidance has been published showing what this means for businesses being [able to stay open](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae#businesses-and-venues-which-can-remain-open), those that [must close](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae#businesses-and-venues), and for [staff travelling to work](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae#going-to-work), with more details expected to follow.As further details are published, we will be using this e-shot, our [business support webpages](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus/supportforbusiness), and our twitter accounts [@TamesideCouncil](https://twitter.com/TamesideCouncil) and [@LiveWorkInvest](https://twitter.com/LiveWorkInvest) to share them with you.  |

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| [On 5 January, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced a £4.6 billion fund for a round of grants to support businesses through the lockdown](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/46-billion-in-new-lockdown-grants-to-support-businesses-and-protect-jobs). £4 Billion is to be targeted at the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors, with a £594 million discretionary fund to support other sectors. **We are awaiting further details about these schemes, and will share them as soon as we get them.****The business grant schemes, which opened towards the end of 2020, are still available for Tameside businesses to apply for, if they meet the criteria.**[The full list can be seen here.](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/businesssupport/granttable)[Additional Restrictions Grant](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus/businessgrants) Tameside businesses (from any sector) severely impacted by COVID-19 restrictions may be eligible for the Additional Restrictions Grant, if they were trading before 22 October but have not been able to claim the Local Restriction Support Grant (Closed/Addendum/Sector)Eligible businesses can access one off cash grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 dependent on their number of employees based within Tameside premises of their business. The grant is available only once to each eligible business that trades from a Tameside fixed commercial premises.There is currently no deadline for applications although this fund is limited and will operate on a first come, first serve basis until funding of £2million is exhausted.[**Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open)**](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus/businessgrants) Leisure, accommodation and hospitality sector businesses that were trading before and **able to remain open** after local restrictions began on 1 August, but whose business was severely impacted by COVID-19, are able to benefit from this grant.Eligible businesses will be able to access up to £1,050 per 14-day period that they were impacted by restrictions. There is currently no deadline for applications. The grant is available per trading commercial Tameside property so a business may receive more than one award if they have more than one eligible property. To review eligibility and apply please visit [Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) Fund & Additional Restrictions Grant Fund (tameside.gov.uk)](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus/businessgrants) or to request a hard copy application form call 0161 342 8355. **Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) / (Closed) Addendum / Sector** Businesses mandated to close under local and national restrictions may be eligible for a LRSG (Closed), (Closed) Addendum or Sector grant.  [Full details can be found here.](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus/businessratesrecovery)  If you have previously received a payment under this scheme you do not need to reapply to receive ongoing payments.**A national budget has been announced for 3 March, where further support measures may be announced.** |

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