

# The Hutchinson Partnership

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## COVID-19 Support Scheme Update – July 2020

### Deferral of July 2020 Personal Tax Payments on Account

HMRC have given the option for individuals to defer their personal tax payments on account that fall due on 31st July 2020. You can defer these payments until 31 January 2021 and no interest or penalties will accrue provided that the full balance is paid by this date.

The deferral is automatic, so no need to apply or contact HMRC. You will have, or may soon receive, a tax notification letter from HMRC which shows the July 2020 payment on account as now being due to be paid in January 2021. However, you can continue to make your planned payment if cash flow allows, which will avoid a larger payment being due in January 2021.

Full details are available from the following website, along with information on how to set up a payment if you are, or expect to be, struggling to make tax payments on time:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/defer-your-self-assessment-payment-on-account-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19>

### Self-Employed Income Support Scheme – Second Grant

The Government has announced an extension to the existing SEISS scheme enabling self-employed taxpayers to make a second and final grant claim. There is a deadline of 13 July 2020 by which taxpayers must apply for the first grant.

The second grant has the same eligibility rules as the first grant. If claimants have been adversely affected on or after 14 July 2020, you will be able to make a claim from **17 August 2020**.

You do not need to have made a claim for the first grant to be able to make a claim for the second grant.

This time the grant is for 70% (previously 80%) of average monthly profits for 3 months capped at £6,570.

Taxpayers must make the claim themselves via HMRC's website as tax agents cannot do it on their behalf. You will need your Unique Tax Reference and National Insurance numbers to do this. HMRC's online service isn't currently open for second grant applications but HMRC should contact taxpayers when the site is available.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme>