

Restart Grant – April 2021

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General information

The Restart Grant scheme is for businesses on the ratings list only.

The Restart Grant is a one-off grant.

The Restart grant does not have to be repaid but will need to be included as income in the tax return of the business. Only businesses that make an overall profit once grant income is included will be subject to tax.

The Restart grant cannot be paid before 1st April, and Local Authorities must undergo anti-fraud checks prior to making payments, so it is likely that payments will not be paid until mid-April.

Businesses who have applied and been eligible for the LRSG Closed scheme since November 2020 will not need to reapply.

Businesses must have been actively trading on 1 April 2021 to be eligible to receive funding under this scheme.

How much funding will be provided to businesses?

The Restart Grant will support **non-essential retail** premises with one-off grants of up to £6,000 in Strand One of the Restart Grant. The following thresholds apply for these businesses:

- Businesses occupying hereditaments appearing on the local rating list with a rateable value of exactly £15,000 or under on 1 April 2021 will receive a payment of £2,667.
- Businesses occupying hereditaments appearing on the local rating list with a rateable value over £15,000 and less than £51,000 on 1 April 2021 will receive a payment of £4,000.
- Businesses occupying hereditaments appearing on the local rating list with a rateable value of exactly £51,000 or over on 1 April 2021 will receive a payment of £6,000.

The Restart Grant will also support **hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym** business premises with one-off grants of up to £18,000 in Strand Two of the Restart Grant. The following thresholds apply for these businesses:

- Businesses occupying hereditaments appearing on the local rating list with a rateable value of exactly £15,000 or under on 1 April 2021 will receive a

payment of £8,000.

- Businesses occupying hereditaments appearing on the local rating list with a rateable value over £15,000 and less than £51,000 on 1 April 2021 will receive a payment of £12,000.
- Businesses occupying hereditaments appearing on the local rating list with a rateable value of exactly £51,000 or over on 1 April 2021 will receive a payment of £18,000.

If a business operates services that could also fall into another category, the main service will be determined by assessing which category constitutes 50% or more of the overall business. The main service will determine which threshold of funding a business receives. Businesses will need to declare which is their main service.

Eligible business categories

Threshold definitions for the purposes of this scheme are restated below:

- **Non-essential retail definition:** a business that is open to the public and is used mainly or wholly for the purposes of retail sale or hire of goods or services, where the primary purpose of products or services provided are not necessary to the health and well-being of the public.
- **Hospitality definition:** a business whose main function is to provide a venue for the consumption and sale of food and drink.
- **Leisure definition:** a business that provides opportunities, experiences and facilities, in particular for culture, recreation, entertainment, celebratory events, days and nights out, betting and gaming.
- **Accommodation definition:** a business whose main lodging provision is used for holiday, travel and other purposes.
- **Gym & Sport definition:** a commercial establishment where physical exercise or training is conducted on an individual basis or group basis, using exercise equipment or open floor space with or without instruction, or where individual and group sporting, athletic and physical activities are participated in competitively or recreationally.
- **Personal care definition:** a business which provides a service, treatment or activity for the purposes of personal beauty, hair, grooming, body care and aesthetics, and wellbeing.

This table sets out types of businesses that are eligible under the sector thresholds for this scheme. This list is not exhaustive, but indicative of the types of businesses that can be supported under this scheme.

Support type	Types of businesses
Non-essential retail (up to £6k)	Animal groomers Antiques stores Auction rooms Car auction Betting offices Jewellers Make-up shops Markets (other than livestock) Photography studios

	<p>Car showrooms Car supermarkets Car washes (standalone) Car/caravan Sales/display/hiring Sites Charity shops Carpet stores Furniture shops Sofa shops Homeware shops Florists Clothes shops Book shops Departmental stores Electronic goods and mobile phone shops Gift shops</p>	<p>Plant nurseries Sales kiosks Sales offices Showrooms, e.g. kitchen, bathroom, tile, glazing Stationery shops Sweet shops Tobacco and vape stores Travel agents</p>
Hospitality (up to £18k)	<p>Cafes Food courts Public houses/pub restaurants</p>	<p>Restaurants Roadside restaurants Wine bars</p>
Leisure (up to £18k)	<p>Amusement arcades including adult gaming centres Amusement parks Animal attractions at farms Arenas Concert halls Go kart rinks Model villages Bingo halls Botanical gardens Bowling alleys Casinos and gambling clubs Cinemas Circus Clubs & institutions Conference centres Events venues Exhibition centres including for use as banquet halls and other events Heritage railways Ice rinks Indoor riding centres</p>	<p>Miniature railways Museums and art galleries Night clubs & discotheques Pleasure piers & Pavilions Public halls Roller skating rings Soft play centres or areas Stately homes & historic houses Theatres Theme parks Tourist attractions Aquaria Village halls & scout huts, cadet huts etc. Visitor attractions at film studios Wedding venues Wildlife centres Zoos & safari parks</p>
Accommodation (up to £18k)	<p>B&Bs Boarding houses Caravan parks Caravan, chalet and campsites Catered holiday homes Holiday homes Coaching inns</p>	<p>Country house hotels Guest & boarding houses Holiday lets Hostels Hotels Lodges</p>
Personal care (up to £18k)	<p>Aesthetics Barbers, groomers Beauty salons Hairdressing salons Holistic therapy Massage centres, massage treatments</p>	<p>Nail salons Other non-surgical treatments Spas, sauna and steam rooms Tanning salons Tattoo and piercing studios</p>
Gyms & sport (up to £18k)	<p>Cricket centres Dance schools and centres Dance studios Gymnasias/fitness suites</p>	<p>Outdoor adventure centres Outdoor sports centres Sports and leisure centres Squash courts</p>

Non eligible business categories

- Businesses that are not within the ratings system will not be eligible to receive funding under this scheme.
- Businesses that have already received grant payments that equal the maximum permitted subsidy allowances will not be eligible to receive funding.
- Businesses that are in administration, insolvent or where a striking-off notice has been made, are not eligible for funding under this scheme.

The following list of businesses are also excluded:

- food retailers, including food markets, supermarkets, convenience stores, corners shops, off licences & newsagents
- breweries,
- pharmacies and chemists,
- animal rescue centres and boarding facilities,
- building merchants,
- petrol stations,
- vehicle repair and MOT services,
- bicycle shops,
- taxi and vehicle hire businesses,
- education providers including tutoring services,
- banks, building societies and other financial providers,
- post offices,
- funeral directors,
- laundrettes and dry cleaners,
- medical practices,
- veterinary surgeries and pet shops,
- agricultural supply shops,
- garden centres,
- storage and distribution facilities,
- wholesalers,
- employment agencies and businesses,
- office buildings,
- automatic car washes
- mobility support shops
- businesses that only provide personal care goods rather than services
- businesses used solely as training centres for staff, apprentices and others
- businesses providing dental services,
- opticians, audiology services, chiropody, chiropractors, osteopaths and other medical or health services, including services which incorporate personal care services, treatments required by those with disabilities and services relating to mental health
- home gyms, home exercise studios, home sports courts and home sports grounds
- private dwellings
- education accommodation

- residential homes
- care homes
- residential family centres
- beach huts