

TIER UPDATE 9 September 2021

(The TIER updates are not as frequent now.)

- **National Lottery Days Out Scheme**

VisitBritain has published information for businesses on the £10 million National Lottery Days Out campaign. Under the scheme, £25 vouchers will be available to National Lottery Lotto players this autumn to redeem against a day out in the UK, backed by a multi-million-pound national advertising campaign, launching on primetime television during the National Lottery Lotto draw in October.

All UK-based attractions are eligible to take part, subject to availability and meeting campaign criteria. To make sure you are registered in time for the campaign launch. You also need to:

- Be bookable online (or be willing to be)
- Have availability during the campaign period from October into early 2022
- Agree to the TXGB and VisitBritainShop terms and conditions
- Be signed-up to the COVID-19 industry standard 'We're Good to Go'

VisitBritain will be publishing a promotional toolkit with campaign assets and messaging to support attractions' own marketing activities and there will be the opportunity to drive additional bookings by remaining on the VisitBritain Shop and TXGB distribution platform post the campaign.

If you are an attraction and are interested in being involved you can email VisitBritain at daysoutcampaign@visitbritain.org

Further information is available on the following link

<https://www.visitbritain.org/node/124423>

- **Comprehensive Spending Review Vision**

The Chancellor has launched the 2021 Comprehensive Spending Review which will conclude on 27 October 2021 alongside an Autumn Budget. This will set out the government's spending priorities for the Parliament. The theme for the CSR is Building Back Better through:

- Investing in the NHS, education, the criminal justice system and housing
- Levelling up across the UK to increase and spread opportunity
- Transitioning to Net Zero across the country and more globally
- Advancing Global Britain and seizing the opportunities of EU Exit
- Delivering the Government's Plan for Growth - including infrastructure and innovation

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-launches-vision-for-future-public-spending>

- **CJRS Guidance Updated**

HMRC has updated the CJRS guidance to inform businesses that furloughed employees can now see if they were included in a grant for claim periods from December 2020 to June 2021 in their personal tax account. However, if businesses have repaid the full amount of their grant for the published month they will no longer be able to see that information. This

information will be updated monthly and July 2021 claims will be available for employees to view from 7 October 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

- **CJRS Statistics**

Speaking of CJRS, ONS has published new data based on an analysis of claims for periods up to 31 July 2021. The key points to note are:

- provisional figures show that all sectors saw a reduction in levels of furlough between 30 June and 31 July
- the arts, entertainment and recreation sector, and accommodation and food services sector had the highest take-up rate of all the sectors, with 15% of employments eligible for furlough on furlough at 31 July 2021
- the accommodation and food services sector saw the largest reduction in the number of employments on furlough between 30 June and 31 July. There were 259,100 employments on furlough in this sector at 31 July 2021, a reduction of 96,700
- the construction, transportation and storage, and manufacturing sectors have relatively high take-up rates and have been slower than other sectors in reducing the number of employments on furlough in July

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/coronavirus-job-retention-scheme-statistics-9-september-2021/coronavirus-job-retention-scheme-statistics-9-september-2021#furlough-by-industry>

- **Claiming Back Statutory Sick Pay**

HMRC's guidance on whether businesses are able to claim back statutory sick pay paid to employees due to coronavirus has been updated to confirm that employers can only claim for employees who were off work on or before 30 September 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-back-statutory-sick-pay-paid-to-employees-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19>

- **End Of Temporary Insolvency Measures**

Government has announced that the temporary measures brought in to support businesses from insolvency during the pandemic will be phased out from 1 October. New measures will be brought in to help smaller companies get back on their feet to give them more time to trade their way back to financial health before creditors can take action to wind them up. This will particularly benefit tourism and hospitality and leisure businesses. The new legislation will:

- Protect businesses from creditors insisting on repayment of relatively small debts by temporarily raising the current debt threshold for a winding up petition to £10,000 or more.
- Require creditors to seek proposals for payment from a debtor business, giving them 21 days for a response before they can proceed with winding up action.

These measures will be in force until 31 March 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/end-of-temporary-insolvency-measures>