

Guidance for Hospitality Businesses

10th July 2020

Gyms and pools

The Government has announced that from the 11th July outdoor swimming pools, hot tubs and jacuzzis may reopen, with indoor pools, hot tubs, gyms and fitness studios permitted to open from the 25th July.

Businesses planning to open on or after these dates will be required to do so safely in line with public health guidance.

See the latest guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/providers-of-grassroots-sport-and-gym-leisure-facilities>

Beauty salons

Businesses with beauty salons with nail bars can reopen from Monday 13th July, subject to all necessary measures being in place.

Find out more at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/beauty-salons-set-to-reopen-for-some-services-next-week-under-new-government-guidelines>

Performing arts may resume outdoors on July 11th

The Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden has announced that performing arts (including theatre, opera, dance and music) can resume from Saturday so long as they take place outside with a limited and socially distanced audience. The Government will also be piloting small indoor performances to inform policy going forward.

Find out more at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts>.

VAT reduction.

You'll find the Government guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/vat-reduced-rate-for-hospitality-holiday-accommodation-and-attractions>

Businesses should take advice from a qualified accountant as to whether to pass on some, all or none of the VAT reduction to the customer and review their Terms of Business to establish whether or not their prices include VAT, or are a set price plus VAT, as these will require different changes to be made.

The main points of the reduced VAT rate are:

- It applies to all food and non-alcoholic drinks consumed on the premises
- It applies to hot takeaway food and drink
- It applies to all holiday accommodation from camping through to hotels
- It applies to standard VAT rated attractions
- Flat Rate VAT Scheme rates will be reduced to take into account the reduction.

Click [HERE](#) for information on hospitality and accommodation businesses.

Please see below information on how the "Eat Out to Help Out" scheme may help premises offering food and drink.

Eat Out to Help Out Scheme

The general details of the scheme are:

- It will run from 3rd - 31st August 2020 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- It is a 50% discount, up to a maximum of £10 per person
- It applies to food and non-alcoholic drinks consumed on the premises
- There is no limit to the number of times customers can use the offer during the period of the scheme
- The offer applies individually to all members of a group who are eating or drinking together – e.g. it can't be applied where a person in the group is not eating (e.g. if a couple have a baby, they can only get a maximum of £20 discount on their meal).

Eligible Businesses

Eligible establishments are those in which food is sold for immediate on-premises consumption. This includes establishments which:

- sell food for immediate consumption on the premises
- provide their own dining area or share a dining area with another establishment for eat-in meals
- were registered as a food business with the relevant local authority on or before 7th July.

You cannot register if your establishment:

- only offers takeaway food or drink
- provides catering services for private functions
- is an accommodation business that provides room service only
- is a dining service (such as packaged dinner cruises)
- is a mobile food van or trailer.

Registration

Businesses will be able to register **from Monday 13th July** at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-your-establishment-for-the-eat-out-to-help-out-scheme>

To register, you must have:

- your Government Gateway ID and password (if you do not have one, you can create one when you register)
- the name and address of each establishment to be registered
- the UK bank account number and sort code for the business
- the address on your bank account for the business

You may also need your:

- VAT registration number (if applicable)
- employer PAYE scheme reference number (if applicable)
- Corporation Tax or Self Assessment unique taxpayer reference.

Once registered you will be able to download promotional materials to help promote your involvement.

Contact Bollington Business Forum (see below) for information on support for marketing the scheme locally.

Claiming

Businesses will be able to claim weekly, starting from seven days after registration. HMRC will pay eligible claims within five working days. Further guidance will be available once registration opens.

Find further information see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/get-more-information-about-the-eat-out-to-help-out-scheme>

N.B. The next Bollington Business Forum meeting is on Friday 17th July and will be held via MS Teams (virtual meeting). Please visit the Bollington Business Forum Facebook page for details of the meeting and how to join it: <https://www.facebook.com/events/298908414631323>