



NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE NOVEMBER 2020

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FUNDING UPDATE:

Furlough (Job Retention Scheme/CJRS)

With the announcement of the national lockdown to commence on Thursday, 5th November the Government has extended the furlough scheme through to December. The Government will pay 80% of current salary up to £2,500 and clubs will need to cover NI and employer pension contributions.

Importantly, neither the club nor the employee (staff or player) needs to have previously used the furlough scheme to be eligible. To be eligible to be claimed for under this extension, employees must be on an employer's PAYE payroll by 23:59 30th October 2020. This means a Real Time Information (RTI) submission notifying payment for that employee to HMRC must have been made on or before 30th October 2020.

When claiming the CJRS grant for furloughed hours, employers will need to report and claim for a minimum period of 7 consecutive calendar days.

More information is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/furlough-scheme-extended-and-further-economic-support-announced>

Job Retention Bonus

This was communicated by the UK Government prior to the communication of the Job Support Scheme and prior to the extension of the furlough scheme. It is intended to incentivise businesses to retain jobs until the end of January 2021. The page linked [here](#) has not been updated since 2nd October 2020. Therefore, it is likely that some changes will be made following the announcement of the extension to furlough on 31st October. It states that the guidance on this bonus scheme will be

announced at the end of January 2021. It is worth clubs exploring this for employees who they have retained in employment since furlough was introduced.

Business Grants

Businesses required to close in England due to local or national restrictions will be eligible for the following:

- For properties with a rateable value of £15k or under, grants to be £1,334 per month, or £667 per two weeks;
- For properties with a rateable value of between £15k-£51k grants to be £2,000 per month, or £1,000 per two weeks;
- For properties with a rateable value of £51k or over grants to be £3,000 per month, or £1,500 per two weeks.

Discretionary funding

You may receive a grant of up to £1,500 at the discretion of your local council if:

- your business is required to close but you do not pay business rates
- if your business is not required to close, but has been severely affected, for example as a result of customer businesses being closed

Your local council / authority will publish details of business grants and discretionary funding on their website.

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