



Must-know furlough info for businesses

KEY DATES TO KNOW

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Portal opens for employers to use on 20.4.2020

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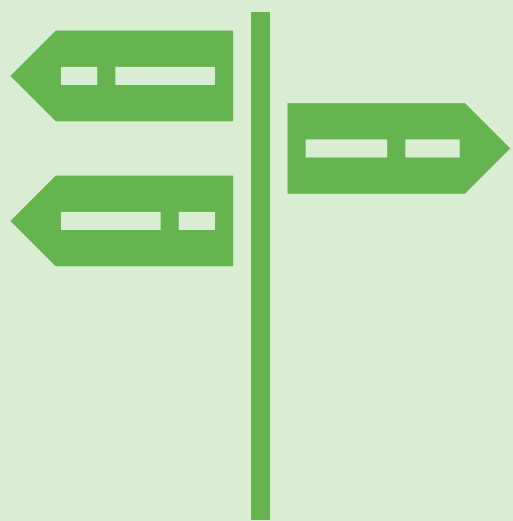
First payments to employers will be made 30.4.2020

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Payments will usually be made 4-6 working days from submission

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Only one claim per pay period - weekly or monthly.



Guidance for employers on how to compile claims will be released within the next week to make sure employers can get claims ready by 20 April.



First claims can be backdated to March



A business can make a claim 14 days ahead of their pay date.



No plans to incorporate those who started after 28 February

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Employers must keep written furlough agreements for 5 years



Fraudulent claims could result in criminal convictions



A hotline will be set up for employees to report employers who are asking employees to work during furlough leave to try and eradicate any abuse of the system.