



Following a formal review of the alert level four lockdown restrictions introduced at midnight on 19 December, all the measures will remain in place, and alert level four coronavirus restrictions in Wales will continue as confirmed by First Minister, Mark Drakeford. The next three-week regulation review is on 29 January - <https://gov.wales/first-minister-stay-home-save-lives>

Non-essential retail, hospitality venues, licensed premises and leisure facilities will remain closed. The Welsh Government is also reviewing if major supermarkets and retailers need to put additional measures in place to protect people in store and what else employers need to do to protect people in the workplace and support people to work from home.

Just before Christmas, millions of pounds were paid automatically to hospitality businesses that had to close to help keep people safe and slow the spread of coronavirus. In the coming days, the council hopes to hand over more millions of pounds in Welsh Government grants automatically to temporarily closed retail businesses which have been classed as non-essential by Welsh Government.

Non-essential retail businesses that received a firebreak payment, but which had to close as well from Christmas Eve should receive them soon. Other businesses may need to apply for the main grant or for discretionary grants. These take longer to process and pay because each has to be individually assessed before the money is made available.

More detailed information on the grants can be found below:

[Restrictions Business Fund: Non Domestic Rate Grant](#)

[Restrictions Business Fund: Discretionary Grant](#)

[Businesses Set For Further Lockdown Grant Payments](#)

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