

Supporting members with business recovery

The BVRLA will tomorrow (Tuesday 6 October) be hosting its first ever free-to-attend digital conference, [Fleets in Charge](#). Over 500 delegates have signed up to attend the event, which focuses on road transport decarbonisation in the morning and business recovery in a post-Covid, post-EU Exit environment in the afternoon.

The packed agenda will include an address from Secretary of State, Grant Shapps MP and Business Minister, Nadhim Zahawi MP. The event starts at 10.00am so this is the last chance to [register to attend](#).

In another last call to take part, members are being invited to share feedback on how well the BVRLA has done in providing support during the Covid pandemic via the [Annual Member Survey](#).

The online survey closes at midday on Tuesday 6 October.

Support for those who have lost jobs due to Covid

The Department for Work and Pensions has today launched a new [Job Entry Targeted Support](#) (JETS) programme, investing £238 million into supporting those left jobless due to Covid-19.

The new programme will see several providers offer a range of help to people who have been out of work for more than three months, including specialist advice on how people can move into growing sectors, as well as CV and interview coaching. Job hunters will also be able to access an action plan agreed with their personal work coach, peer support and opportunities to build their skills.

The new programme, which is part of the Government's Plan for Jobs, is starting to roll across the UK from today, with more areas following later this month and Scotland early next year.

Help to members wanting to access the Kickstart Scheme

The BVRLA would like to gauge the appetite from members wanting to access the scheme if they could be part of a 'BVRLA application' submitted on behalf of a group of members.

The [Kickstart scheme](#) provides funding to firms creating new 6-month job placements for young people who are currently on Universal Credit and at risk of long-term unemployment.

The scheme provides funding for:

- 100% of the relevant National Minimum Wage for 25 hours a week
- associated employer National Insurance contributions
- employer minimum automatic enrolment contributions
- There is also £1500 per job placement available for setup costs, support and training.

Each application must be able to offer a minimum of 30 job placements so the BVRLA is giving members the opportunity to apply by being part of a 'BVRLA application'. Interested members should email BVRLA Director of Human Resources, Nora Leggett at nora@bvrla.co.uk.