

Thousands of business advisers offer free service to small firms

The Government has today unveiled the [Recovery Advice for Business scheme](#), that will give small firms access to free, one-to-one advice with an expert adviser to help them through the coronavirus pandemic and to prepare for long-term recovery.

Thousands of expert professional and business services advisers have signed up to offer free online advice to help small businesses bounce back from coronavirus. The scheme, which is now live, is supported by the government and hosted on the [Enterprise Nation website](#).

Latest ONS data indicators on UK economy and society

The Office for National Statistics has today [published data](#) on the latest indicators for the UK economy and society following the Covid-19 pandemic.

It includes online price changes of selected high demand products and job advert indices covering the UK job market.

Support for businesses from outside Government

The Department for Business has [updated its guidance](#) on Coronavirus support for business from public bodies, organisations and charities that have produced additional resources that may be useful to employers and employees.

Local authority grant funding to small and medium sized businesses

Local authorities had received and distributed £10.65 billion to over 867,600 business properties as close of business on 5 July. The funding is designed to support small and medium businesses in England during the Covid-19 pandemic.

A breakdown of each local authority's funding amount has been [published this week](#).

Drivers urged to carry out safety checks

[Highways England is encouraging drivers](#) getting back behind the wheel to carry out safety checks on their vehicles before setting off on their journeys this summer.

Some cars have been rarely used during lockdown, so it's essential to make sure they're fit for purpose. Drivers may also feel out of practice if they haven't been in a car for a while.

Travellers exempt from border rules in the UK

The Government has [updated guidance](#) on which travellers are exempt from border rules in the UK.