

The BVRLA Guide to Operating during the Covid-19

The association has published a [20-page guide for members](#), tailored specifically for those operating in the vehicle rental and leasing sectors.

It will be updated as new advice and guidance emerges from Government. If you have any questions about this guidance or would like to provide feedback, please email legal@bvrla.co.uk

SMMT and NFDA publish joint safety guidance as they urge dealers to re-open

The SMMT and NFDA have published [joint guidance](#) advising vehicle retailers on how they can safely restart their businesses.

The best-practice guidance covers the entire customer experience, from booking appointments to showroom interactions, test drives, click & collect, part exchanges and aftersales, and includes advice on staff training, signage, sanitation and protective personal equipment (PPE). Developed together with dealers and manufacturers, it is designed to complement government guidance for the overall UK retail sector, to help dealers of all shapes and sizes implement legal requirements as part of individual risk assessments in line with their unique business and customer needs.

Car showrooms are scheduled to re-open from June 1 as part of a planned phased opening of non-essential retail outlets outlined in the Government's [COVID-19 recovery roadmap](#).

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme now open

From 8am today, Wednesday 13 May 2020, self-employed individuals or members of partnerships whose business has been adversely affected by coronavirus will be able to apply for the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme.

The grant is worth 80% of their average monthly trading profits, up to a maximum of £7,500, and will be paid in a single instalment. You can [check eligibility for the scheme and make a claim](#) if you are eligible.

Self-employed people can [register to attend a HMRC webinar](#) which provides further information on the scheme.

New taskforces set up to plan for opening of closed businesses

The Government has set up [five new ministerial-led taskforces](#) to develop plans for how and when closed sectors can reopen safely:

- **international aviation** led by the Department for Transport
- **pubs and restaurants** led by Department for Business, Energy and industrial Strategy)
- **non-essential retail**, including salons led by Department for Business, Energy and industrial Strategy
- **recreation and leisure**, including tourism, culture and heritage, libraries, entertainment and sport led by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport
- **places of worship**, including faith, community and public buildings led by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Government to guarantee Trade Credit insurance

The [Government has today announced](#) that it will temporarily guarantee business-to-business transactions currently supported by Trade Credit Insurance, ensuring that the majority of insurance coverage will be maintained across the market.