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Factsheet for case GB-2020-13/214

## Self-employed income support scheme

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Country	United Kingdom, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 26 March 2020 - 26 June 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income support to workers and those laid off – Extensions of support to workers not covered by any kind of protection scheme
Case created	31 March 2020 (updated 01 April 2020)

### Background Information

The Self-employed Income Support Scheme was announced by the British government on 26 March 2020 in the context of more stringent lock-down measures which entered into force on 23 March 2020. As such measures required many self-employed individuals to close their businesses or restricted their ability to make a living, the scheme was introduced to bring support in line that available to employees under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

### Content of measure

On 26 March 2020 the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme was announced to allow certain groups of self-employed individuals to claim a taxable cash grant worth 80% of average monthly trading profits over the last three years up to a maximum of 2820 Euros (£2500) for three months (could be extended).

### Use of measure

So far unknown. There has been some criticism that businesses are likely to have to wait 5 weeks for first payments to be made (the delay is partly to accommodate firms having to file tax returns - required to be able to claim the benefit). The wait may be difficult for businesses already struggling.

## Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	One person or microenterprises	National funds

## Social partners

Role of social partners	Informed
Form of involvement	Other

The scheme was welcomed by both the CBI and the TUC (see sources).

## Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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## Sources

- 26 March 2020: Guidance on claiming a grant through the coronavirus (COVID-19) Self-employment Income Support Scheme ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))
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