

## Chancellor extends furlough scheme to end of June.



The Government today announced that the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme will be extended by one month. The scheme was originally open for three months and backdated from the 1 March to the end of May.

Key points from the announcement are:

- The extension to the end of June reflects the continuation of social distancing measures and lockdown.
- This move will allow firms from across UK to continue to protect millions of jobs.
- The scheme will continue to be monitored to ensure people and businesses can get back to work as soon as it's safe to do so to drive UK economic recovery.

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak, said:

***"We've taken unprecedented action to support jobs and businesses through this period of uncertainty, including the UK-wide Job Retention Scheme. With the extension of the coronavirus lockdown measures yesterday, it is the right decision to extend the furlough scheme for a month to the end of June to provide clarity."***

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