

Milton Keynes Discretionary Business Support Scheme Summary

This scheme delivers help to businesses in three sub-schemes:

1. Milton Keynes Business Support Scheme (April 2021)

This scheme comes into effect on 1 April 2021 and aims to provide support to businesses who are not eligible for a grant under the Government's Restart Grant scheme.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a grant under the MKC Business Support scheme a business must

- not be eligible to receive a grant under the Restart scheme, and
- have ongoing fixed costs that the business is required to pay during the period of this scheme. These costs cannot be employee related e.g. wages/ director remuneration or costs associated with maintaining a residential address, and.
- be continuing to trade after the end of national restrictions,
- demonstrate that the business income has been severely impacted by the ongoing national or local Tier restrictions
- operate within Milton Keynes

Exclusions

- Businesses that have already received grant payments that equal the maximum levels of Subsidy Allowance permitted under the principles set out in Article 3.4 of the Trade & Cooperation Agreement.
- Businesses that are in administration, insolvent or where a striking-off notice has been made, are not eligible for funding under this scheme.
- Businesses that were not trading prior to the first full day of national restrictions coming into effect on 5 January 2021, unless already mandated to close by government restrictions.

Grant awards

A one-off award to assist with the recovery of business as restrictions are lifted as part of the Government's Roadmap out of Lockdown.

Businesses that have been mandated to close during national restrictions and do not receive a rates bill for their business.

(Reference will be made to Government guidance on Restart grants to determine which sector a business will be eligible within

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/971363/restart-grant-la-guidance.pdf)

<p>Eligible businesses that are unable to re-open due to national restrictions and that do not receive a rates bill but have annual rent/mortgage payment of more than £3,000 and up to and including £15,000.</p> <p>Sector 1- Non-essential retail</p> <p>Sector 2 - Hospitality, leisure, accommodation, gym, personal care</p>	<p>£2,000</p> <p>£4,000</p>
<p>Eligible businesses that are unable to re-open due to national restrictions and that do not receive a rates bill but have annual rent/mortgage payment, of more than £15,000 but below £51,000.</p> <p>Sector 1- Non-essential retail</p> <p>Sector 2 - Hospitality, leisure, accommodation, gym, personal care</p>	<p>£3,000</p> <p>£6,000</p>
<p>Eligible businesses that are unable to re-open due to national restrictions and that do not receive a rates bill but have annual rent/mortgage payment, of £51,000 and above</p> <p>Sector 1- Non-essential retail</p> <p>Sector 2 - Hospitality, leisure, accommodation, gym, personal care</p>	<p>£5,000</p> <p>£10,000</p>
<p>Eligible businesses that are unable to re-open who do not receive a rates bill and do not have fixed property costs but do have other ongoing business-related fixed costs.</p> <p>Sector 1- Non-essential retail</p> <p>Sector 2 - Hospitality, leisure, accommodation, gym, personal care</p>	<p>£750</p> <p>£1,500</p>

Open Businesses

For businesses that have been able to continue to trade during restrictions but have been severely impacted by the restrictions and face a period of recovery as restrictions are eased.

<p>Eligible businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or less or for a business that does not receive a rates bill has annual rent/mortgage payment of more than £3,000 and up to and including £15,000.</p>	<p>£1,000</p>
<p>Eligible businesses with a rateable value, or for a business that does not receive a rates bill has annual rent/mortgage payment, of more than £15,000 but below £51,000.</p>	<p>£2,000</p>
<p>Eligible businesses with a rateable value or for a business that does not receive a rates bill has annual rent/mortgage payment, of £51,000 and above</p>	<p>£4,000</p>

Eligible businesses who do not receive a rates bill and do not have fixed property costs but do have other ongoing business-related fixed costs.	£ 500
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2 Milton Keynes Additional Support for Local Businesses (Restart Top Up)

This scheme provides additional support to local independently run businesses who are business ratepayers and may be eligible for a Restart grant from 1 April 2021.

Eligibility

To be eligible for an additional support grant a business must

- Be in one of the business categories listed below, and
- Be trading on 1 April 2021, unless mandated to be closed by the Government on 5 January 2021, and
- Demonstrate that the business income has been severely impacted by the national or local Tier restrictions, and
- Operate within Milton Keynes

Eligible business categories

- A shop in a rural community as defined within The Local Government Finance Act 1988 where the person liable for business rates is a sole trader or locally based company with no more than 3 retail outlets
- A Public House where the person liable for business rates is a sole trader or a locally based company which operates no other public houses
- Post Office (or shop with Post Office counter) where the person liable for business rates is a sole trader or locally based company with no more than 3 retail outlets
- Independent non-essential retail where the ratepayer is a sole trader or locally based company with no more than 3 retail outlets

Exclusions

- Businesses that have already received grant payments that equal the maximum levels of Subsidy Allowance permitted under the principles set out in Article 3.4 of the Trade & Cooperation Agreement.
- Businesses that are in administration, insolvent or where a striking-off notice has been made, are not eligible for funding under this scheme.
- Businesses who have ceased to trade before the first full day of national restrictions that began on 5 January 2021 or who do not recommence trading when restrictions are lifted.

Grant award

Eligible businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or less	A one-off payment of £2,500 per property
Eligible businesses with a rateable value of more than £15,000 but below £51,000.	A one-off payment of £5,000 per property
Eligible businesses with a rateable value of £51,000 and above	A one-off payment of £7,500 per property

3. Milton Keynes Business Support scheme -Exceptional Payments

Strategic partners:

In exceptional circumstances a discretionary award outside of the specified criteria and grant awards may be made to organisations who are considered a strategic partner to the council and who can demonstrate that an award would positively affect the continued sustainability of the organisation and would provide a significant positive economic impact to the area in which it is located. The Director for Finance & Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, will be given delegated authority to determine the eligibility and level of award based on the individual circumstances of the organisation.

Excluded Businesses:

A one-off grant may be awarded where a business can demonstrate that

- it has been excluded from other government support and grants, and
- it was trading prior to the commencement of national restrictions on 5 January 2021 and
- was mandated to close during national restrictions or was able to continue to trade but was severely impacted by the restrictions, and
- that the award will have a positive impact on the sustainability of the businesses

A grant of up to £5,000 may be made at the discretion of the Director for Finance & Resources. The level of the award will be based on the individual circumstances of the applicant.

Nightclubs and other venues required to close since 23 March 2020

A one-off grant of £6,000 will be awarded to a business which is unable to re-open until 21 June 2021 at the earliest. The eligibility criteria will be based on eligibility under the Local

Restrictions Support Grant (Sector) which provided for grants to nightclubs and sexual entertainment venues which have been required to be closed since 23 March 2020.