



Furlough timeline: Key dates

Changes to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

June 2020

The monthly cap on the furlough grant will remain at 80% of employee wages capped at £2,500.



10 June

Last chance to furlough employees and for them to be eligible under the flexible furlough scheme from 1 July 2020.



30 June

The furlough scheme closes to new entrants (with the exception of employees returning from maternity or other family leave after 10 June 2020).



1 July

- Only employers currently using the scheme for previously furloughed employees may claim.
- Start of the flexible furlough scheme.
- Employers may bring furloughed employees back to work part-time.



31 July

Employers have until this date to make any claims under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme in respect of furlough periods ending on or before 30 June 2020.



August 2020

From 1 August 2020, the monthly cap on the furlough grant will remain at 80% of employee wages capped at £2,500 but employers will be required to meet the cost of employer NICs and pension contributions.



September 2020

From 1 September 2020, employers will also have to pay 10% towards an employee's wages (resulting in the monthly cap on the furlough grant reducing to £2,187.50).



October 2020

- From 1 October 2020, an employer's contribution towards an employee's wages will increase to 20% (resulting in the monthly cap on the furlough grant reducing to £1,875).
- The furlough scheme will end on 31 October 2020.