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Flexible furlough





### **Current furlough scheme**

- Scope of the scheme
- It's 'full furlough' or nothing
- Can remain on full furlough up to 31 October 2020
- Periods up to 30 June must be claimed by 31 July





#### Flexible furlough

- Starts 1 July alternative to full furlough
- Only available for previously furloughed employees
- Or those returning from statutory family leave or reserve forces duty
- Can claim from 1 July





#### How flexible furlough works

- Any number of hours or shift pattern
- Full pay for the hours they work
- Furlough pay for the hours they don't
- Maximum number of employees you can claim for





### Claiming flexible furlough

- Minimum claim period of 7 days
- Must start and end within the same calendar month
- Must include full furlough and flexible furlough on the same claim
- Can claim before, during or after claim period
- Maximum 14 days in advance of end of period





## Payment timescales

- Within six working days of claim
- If you've deferred PAYE





## Salary to use for calculating the claim

- Salaried employees: use last pay period before
  19 March 2020
- Variable pay employee, use greater of:
  - Average pay in tax year 19-20
  - Pay for corresponding month in 2019





#### Working out what to claim

- Work out usual hours for each pay period using formula - CP x (H/P)
  - CP = calendar days in the claim period (e.g. 31 for July)
  - H = no. of hours in the repeating shift pattern (e.g. 45p/w)
  - P = no. of days in the repeating shift pattern (e.g. 7 days in a week)
- 31 days in July x (45 hours / 7 days) = 200 hours (rounding up to nearest hour)





## Working out what to claim

- Work out 80% of usual pay (max £2,500)
  - E.g. £27k pa = £2,250pcm x 80% = £1,800
- If work for 10 days in July:  $10 \times 9 = 90$  hours
- Furloughed hours is (usual hours hours worked)
  - E.g. 200 90 = 110
- Furlough pay is £1,800 x (110 / 200) = £990





# Agreeing to be flexibly furloughed

- Do you need written agreement?
- Holidays
- Benefits
- Right to end furlough and re-furlough
- Notice of working pattern





# Agreeing to be flexibly furloughed

- Sick pay
- Company property
- Voluntary work
- Training





#### **Keeping records**

- Agreement to be furloughed
- Hours worked and hours furloughed
- Your calculations
- For five years





## Government / employer contributions to furlough pay

	July	August	September	October
Government contribution: employer NICs and pension contributions	Yes	No	No	No
Government contribution: wages	80% up to £2,500	80% up to £2,500	70% up to £2,187.50	60% up to £1,875
Employer contribution: employer NICs and pension contributions	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Employer contribution: wages	-	-	10% up to £312.50	20% up to £625
Employee receives	80% up to £2,500 per month			





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## **Any questions?**

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