

New Discretionary Business Fund & Taxi Support Fund

Discretionary Business Fund

The Discretionary Business Fund is aimed at businesses experiencing immediate financial challenges as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions and regulations who have not been able to access the Strategic Framework Business Fund and any other business grants or funds provided by the Scottish Government.

This fund is limited and is available on a 'first come first served' basis.

We would encourage you to apply as soon as you can.

For eligibility criteria and further information, visit this link and expand the 'Covid-19 Discretionary Business Fund' tab as shown in the visual below.

<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/health-and-social-care2/coronavirus-covid-19/businesses-and-employers>

Financial support for businesses

Visit [FindBusinessSupport](#) for more information on the various **funding sources available** to support businesses during Coronavirus, including:

- HMRC coronavirus job retention scheme
- Help for those who are self-employed (including anyone newly self-employed)
- Industry specific funding (e.g. Creative, tourism, hospitality, construction etc.)
- Coronavirus business interruption loan scheme (CBILS)

For advice specific to Fife about **business rates support** and **supplier relief assistance for contracted Fife Council suppliers**, click on the tabs below.

From Friday 13 November **The Scottish Government's Coronavirus (COVID-19): Strategic Framework Business Fund** will be available businesses in Fife. If your business is required to close by law or to significantly change its operations due to COVID-19 restrictions from 2 November 2020, you may be eligible to apply for grant funding. More information will be available from Business Gateway Fife shortly www.businessgatewayfife.com

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Covid-19 Discretionary Business Fund -

The purpose of this fund is to provide a one-off grant of £3,000 to businesses in Fife experiencing immediate financial challenges as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions and regulations. It would apply to those who haven't been able to access the Strategic Framework Business Fund or other business grant funds provided by the Scottish and UK Governments since October 2020.

Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund

If you are a licensed taxi or private hire driver experiencing financial challenges as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, you may be eligible to receive a **one-off grant of £1,500**.

Am I eligible?

To be eligible for a one-off grant of £1,500:

- taxi/private hire drivers must be licensed in Fife for the period 9 October 2020 to at least 31 January 2021.
- this excludes all drivers whose licences were suspended on or before 31 December 2020 and whose suspension remains outstanding.

Applicants must also confirm, by self-certification, that up to 31 December 2020:

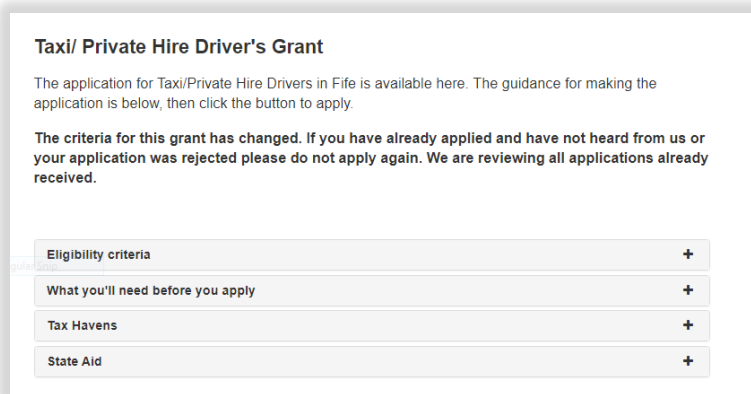
- they have experienced loss of income as a taxi/private hire driver and incurred overhead costs and expenses; and
- they are or have been working or available for work as a taxi/private hire driver.

and meet the following criteria:

- the driver must not have breached wider COVID regulations/requirements prior to local restrictions (for example received a fixed penalty notice).
- the driver/business must not have connections to tax havens.
- You must advise if you have (i.e. your business) received any public sector assistance through a State Aid De minimis Scheme over the last 3 years.

If you have a taxi/private hire car driver's licence in another authority, as well as Fife, you can only apply to one local authority for a grant. For further information and to apply for this fund, visit this link and scroll down the page to **'Taxi/ Private Hire Driver's Grant'** as shown in the visual below.

<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/health-and-social-care2/coronavirus-covid-19/businesses-and-employers>



Taxi/ Private Hire Driver's Grant

The application for Taxi/Private Hire Drivers in Fife is available here. The guidance for making the application is below, then click the button to apply.

The criteria for this grant has changed. If you have already applied and have not heard from us or your application was rejected please do not apply again. We are reviewing all applications already received.

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You can find other local authority links here –

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/local-authority-discretionary-fund>

If you need further information on the areas covered here please email info@thomsoncooper.com.