

## Scotland Coach Operators COVID-19 Business Support and Continuity Fund

This is a one-off fund to support coach tour operators while restrictions on travel are still in place, and to help prepare for operations starting again when restrictions are lifted.

This fund **will not** support the cost of operating public bus services, or businesses whose income is mainly derived from non-tourism sources such as bus services; home to school contracts; rail replacement services and local authority contracts.

### Eligibility

The fund supports Scottish coach operators and coach private hire businesses who are operating the newest and most environmentally friendly vehicle fleet. It is open to:

- businesses who operate a "coach" that's either a Euro 5 or 6 grade and either M2 or M3 category (which means 8 or more seats for passengers, excluding the driver)
- businesses that have a Standard National or Standard International operating license, and whose turnover is mainly derived from the tourism and private hire sectors



Applications will be available on a per coach basis. This fund doesn't apply to businesses with Euro 4 grade vehicles and older or M1 vehicles (cars, people carriers with fewer than 8 seats).

**The deadline for applications is 5pm on Tuesday 23 February 2021.** Applications WILL NOT be assessed on a first come first serve basis. Demand is expected to be high.

The £10 million fund is being delivered on behalf of the Scottish Government by VisitScotland, with development, input and criteria setting from the Confederation of Passenger Transport.

VisitScotland is the awarding body for this fund.

For more information, please visit -

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/scotland-coach-operators-covid-19-business-support-and-continuity-fund>

and

<https://www.visitscotland.org/supporting-your-business/funding/coach-operator-fund>

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