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| BFDG update on COVID-19 advice for membersGeneral Advice:[Official government advice](https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response) including sections for employers and businesses[The coronavirus bill](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-bill-what-it-will-do/what-the-coronavirus-bill-will-do) – what it will do[EU guidance](https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response_en) on COVID-19[Budget 2020 support](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/871900/Covid-19_Budget_fact_sheet_FINAL.pdf) for those affected by COVID-19Guide to Returning to Work Safely ...British Film Commission – [Working Safely During COVID-19 in Film and High-end TV Drama Production](http://britishfilmcommission.org.uk/guidance/regarding-covid-19-coronavirus/)[Pact and UK Broadcasters guidelines for producing television safely](https://www.pact.co.uk/news-detail.html?id=pact-and-uk-broadcasters-introduce-new-industry-wide-guidance-for-producing-tv-safely)[International Travel to the UK for work in Film or High-end Television Drama Production During Covid-10](http://britishfilmcommission.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Travelling-to-the-UK-for-work-in-Film-or-High-end-Television-Drama-Production-During-COVID-19-Self-isolation-Exemptions-Guidance-V.2.0-17-07-20-Mac-version.pdf)[UK Government fuidance with regards to Working Safely during Covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19)[Screen Skills has assembled a visual digest of Covid-19 guidance, helping for planning shoots, protecting staff and enforcing adequate hygiene.](https://www.screenskills.com/insight/coronavirus/tips-for-safe-production/)[Screen Skills training – Basic Covid-19 Awareness on production training for crew working in physical film/TVproduction](https://www.screenskills.com/online-learning/learning-modules/coronavirus-basic-awareness-on-production-training/)Guidance for the Employed and Self-Employed:**Advice from the Film and TV Charity:**If you’re facing financial hardship you may be entitled to some financial support via the benefits system. [Turn2us](https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk/AboutYou) are the best people to advise you:* Self-employed workers who are not eligible for Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) will be able to claim contributory Employment Support Allowance. This will now be available from day one, not after a week
* Universal Credit remains available for self-employed workers. In the recent budget, it was announced that there will be a temporary halt to the minimum floor element of this benefit, which will have a positive impact on self-employed applicants

**Government information:**[**https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme#who-can-apply**](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme#who-can-apply)**These Money Saving Expert articles provide a simple summary of financial help and rights for employed and self employed -**<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2020/03/coronavirus-self-employed-and-employment-help/><https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2020/03/uk-coronavirus-help-and-your-rights/#wages>BECTU – Summary of advice: <https://bectu.org.uk/coronavirus/>[Advice from IPSE](https://www.ipse.co.uk/ipse-news/news-listing/coronavirus-ipse-activity-and-advice-freelancers.html) (the Association of Independent Professionals and the Self Employed) IPSE are running webinars offering advice to freelancers. More information [here](https://www.ipse.co.uk/coronavirus-hub/coronavirus-webinars.html?fbclid=IwAR0orOO4_2CK62lm_Y3Svb1kh3dJIMFJn6pmDbdhsb6MlpvLAjN88EFvIuM).[Government tax helpline](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-helpline-to-support-businesses-affected-by-coronavirus-covid-19) to support freelancers being affected by Covid-19[Employment Support Allowance](https://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance)[Universal Credit](https://www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/coronavirus/)[Key things to consider](https://www.leapers.co/articles/2020-03-09/freelance-tips-for-coronavirus) if you’re freelance and worried about Covid-19Guidance for Businesses[Government support for businesses](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses)[Government tax helpline](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-helpline-to-support-businesses-affected-by-coronavirus-covid-19)to support businesses being affected by Covid-19[Federation of Small Businesses guidance](https://www.fsb.org.uk/resources-page/advice-to-small-businesses-and-fsb-members-about-the-novel-coronavirus-covid-19.html) for small businesses[ACAS (the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service) workplace guidance](https://www.acas.org.uk/coronavirus?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NTL%20March%202020&utm_content=NTL%20March%202020+CID_a337abeb5d76e5366836ea87874b6b0c&utm_source=Acas%20National%20Email%20Marketing%20Live&utm_term=handling%20coronavirus%20at%20work) for employees and employersHealth Advice[NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/) is being updated regularly with advice on how to protect yourself and keep well.[Mind](https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/) - Looking after your mental health is also important at the moment and Mind have some great advice.[World Health Organisation guidance](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/mental-healthconsiderations.pdf?sfvrsn=6d3578af_2) on COVID-19 Outbreak[The Film and TV Charity](https://filmtvcharity.org.uk/) If you’re feeling low, make sure you talk to @filmtvcharity via their website or by calling 0800 054 00 00, day or night. Tell someone what’s going on. You’ll reach a friendly advisor who can talk you through your options <https://filmtvcharity.org.uk/>Industry Bodies[BECTU](https://bectu.org.uk/topic/covid-19-coronavirus/)- advice to workers in the entertainment industry[The Film and TV Charity](https://filmtvcharity.org.uk/)- Film and TV Support Line 24/7, helping you to manage issues big and small, on 0800 054 00 00 and live-chat. [The BFI -](https://www.bfi.org.uk/supporting-uk-film/covid-19-update) visit the BFI website for updates or email covid-19.queries@bfi.org.uk with all enquiries.BFI & Film and TV Charity Emergency Relief Fund -<https://www.bfi.org.uk/news-opinion/news-bfi/announcements/covid-19-film-tv-emergency-relief-fund>[IPSE (Association of Independent Professionals and the Self Employed)](https://www.ipse.co.uk/ipse-news/news-listing/coronavirus-ipse-activity-and-advice-freelancers.html) -advice for freelancers and the self employed.  |

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