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## Self Employed Income Support Scheme Bulletin - Update

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HM Revenue & Customs have now released further information regarding the Self Employed Income Support Scheme. The online service to claim your grant will be open from 13 May 2020 although HM Revenue & Customs are staggering when people can claim from so you will be informed of the date you can make your claim.

An online eligibility checker has been made available, this is up and running now. The online tool will tell you the date you are able to make a claim from and ask you to add your contact details so they can remind you when you need to make your claim. To use this checker, you will need your Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR) and your National Insurance Number.

<https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/self-employment-support/enter-unique-taxpayer-reference>

### **TO MAKE A CLAIM**

**Before you make your claim, you must register for government gateway and password if you do not already have one using the following link**

<https://www.gov.uk/personal-tax-account>

**This must be done as a priority as you will not be able to make a claim without registering for this.**

**Unfortunately, HM Revenue & Customs have made it impossible for us as agents to make the claim on your behalf although we will of course offer as much support as possible.**

When you make the claim to HM Revenue & Customs you will need the following information:

- Your UTR (Unique Taxpayer Reference)
- Your National Insurance Number
- Your Government Gateway User ID and Password (see link above)
- Your bank account number and sort code of the account where you want the grant paid into

If you cannot make your claim online HM Revenue & Customs will be offering another way of claiming in due course.

Once you have made your claim HM Revenue & Customs will tell you straight away whether you are eligible or not and the payment will be made within 6 working days.

You must keep a record of the amount received as this will need to be reported on your Self-Assessment Tax Return as self-employed income, if you are in receipt of Universal Credit or Working Tax Credits this will also need to be reported as self-employed income on your claims for these benefits.

For more information on the above measures please see the previous bulletins issued from ourselves.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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