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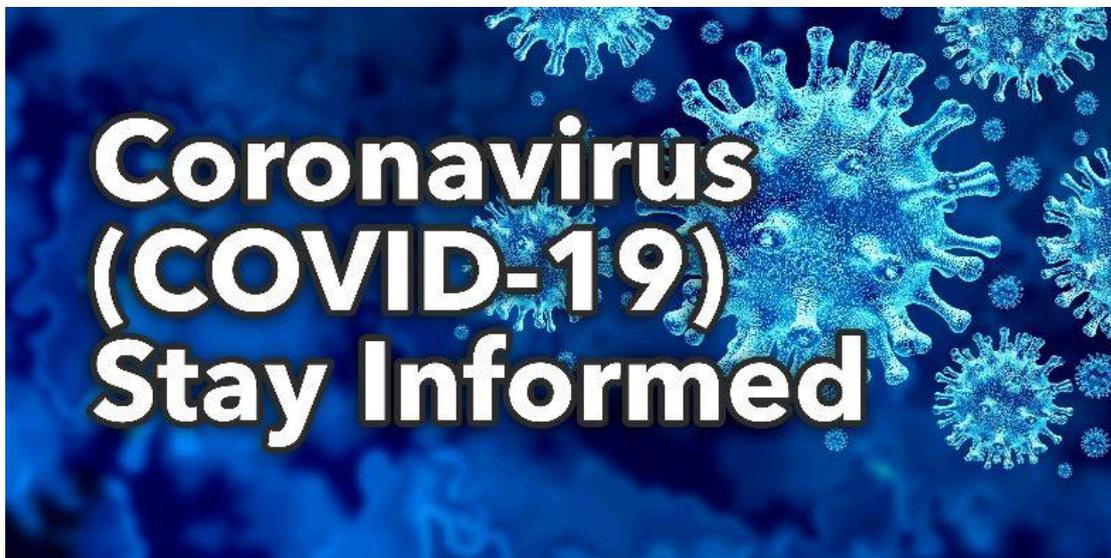


June 2020

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance and support



Covid-19 guidance and sources of support

There are a number of sources of guidance to assist businesses in Scotland with the current COVID-19 situation, including:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance from the UK government: what you need to do

See the UK government instructions and guidance related to the COVID-19 outbreak, here:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) information from the Scottish government:

See information and guidance from the Scottish Government related to the COVID-19 outbreak, here:

<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For Coronavirus advice for businesses in Scotland, visit

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/coronavirus-advice>

SEPA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

See information from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) related to the COVID-19 outbreak, here:

<https://coronavirus.sepa.org.uk/>

Scottish Enterprise Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice and support for businesses

Scottish Enterprise have pulled together sources of support and advice for businesses affected by the

spread of Coronavirus. View the support and guidance here: <https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/support-for-businesses/coronavirus-covid-19-advice>

Business Gateway's virtual & local business support regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Business Gateway is being responsive and reactive to the needs and challenges Scottish businesses face due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. See a list of free business resources that may be useful to you at this time, here: [Business support - Coronavirus](#)

Federation of Small Business (FSB) coronavirus support hub

The FSB have pulled together relevant support material for smaller businesses and the self-employed. The information is available to both members and non-members. View the support guidance here: [FSB Coronavirus advice and guidance](#)

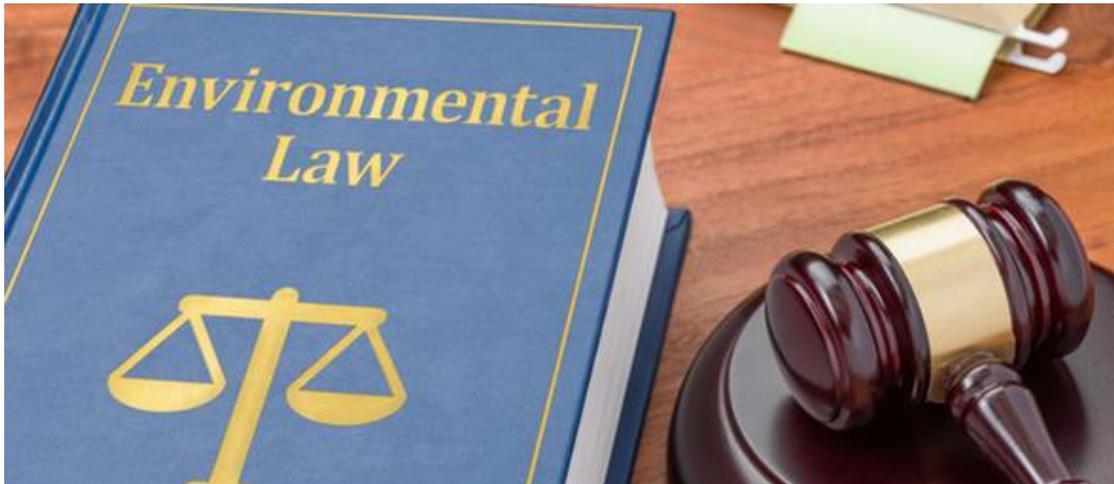
Changes in response to the COVID-19 outbreak

SEPA Temporary Regulatory Position Statements

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is committed to supporting everyone they regulate during the COVID-19 public health emergency, while maintaining protection of the environment. It is recognised that there may be disruption to businesses during this time, and so temporary COVID-19 Regulatory Position Statements to help businesses during this period have been produced.

[See the Regulatory Position Statements here >>>](#)

New Legislation



Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

This Act sets out temporary provisions to enable essential public services to continue and to support businesses and individuals in response to the emergency situation caused by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

It also amends the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020.

The Act received Royal Assent on 26 May 2020.

[Read more here >>>](#)

The Marine Works and Marine Licensing (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020

In light of the current public health advice relating to the COVID-19 outbreak, the purpose of this instrument is to temporarily modify various regulations to remove a number of requirements that would be contrary to the current public health policy as regards COVID-19.

It removes the requirements for:

- applicants for a marine licence under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 to make application documents and Environmental Impact Assessment reports physically available for inspection by the public at a named place;
- applicants for a marine licence to provide hard copies of application documents and EIA reports to the Scottish Ministers; and
- applicants for a marine licence to hold a pre-application consultation event at a suitably accessible venue.

These requirements are replaced by requirements to make all such documents available electronically. The requirement to hold a pre-application consultation event at a suitably accessible venue is replaced by the requirement to hold an online event. The modifications are limited in duration to a 'relevant period', which will expire on the same day as the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 expires.

The Regulations came into force on 20 May 2020.

[Read more here >>>](#)

The Sea Fishing (Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

This instrument updates an out of date reference to EU fisheries legislation in the Sea Fishing (Enforcement) Regulations 2018. This reflects the EU's introduction of new EU fishing opportunity fixing legislation for 2020.

The Regulations came into force on 09 June 2020.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Consultations



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Climate Change: Just Transition Commission - call for evidence

The concept of just transition refers to the need for Governments to take action to reduce emissions in a way which is fair and leaves no-one behind. The Just Transition Commission has been established to provide Scottish Ministers with practical, realistic, and affordable recommendations for such action. It is inviting written submissions to inform the development of final recommendations.

DEADLINE EXTENDED - The consultation closes on 30 June 2020.

[Read and respond to the consultation here >>>](#)

Department for Transport Consultation: Improving new vehicle safety and environmental compliance plus passenger vehicle digital radio requirement

This consultation seeks views on increasing the Department for Transport agency's powers to better enforce vehicle manufacturing plus requiring digital radios in new cars and buses.

The consultation closes at 11:45pm on 26 June 2020

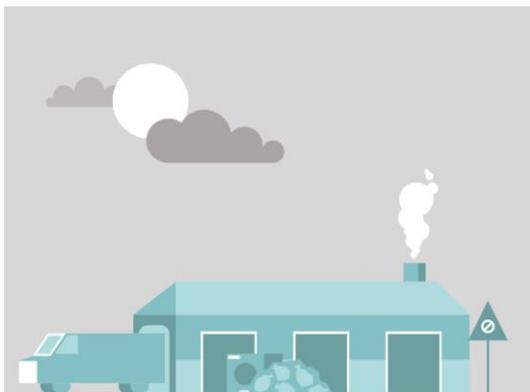
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Updates

Digital clampdown on illegal waste collection

Illegal waste collections advertised on social media sites are being targeted by Scotland's environmental regulator in a new digital clampdown. Specialist officers from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) are deploying a range of techniques to detect, disrupt and deter illegal activity across the waste management chain, including monitoring of sites like Facebook and Gumtree to catch waste criminals.

Waste criminals profit at the expense of legitimate businesses. Derelict sites, farm land and industrial grounds are prime targets for criminals operating without proper licences to illegally stockpile and abandon waste.



So if you own or rent out spaces like this, carry out thorough checks on prospective tenants and stay vigilant.

Report suspicious operations in confidence
intelligence@sepa.org.uk

For waste managers operating with licenses and permits, who might be facing challenging circumstances due to coronavirus, help and support is available. Temporary regulatory positions, easy-to-access information hubs and people in place to help waste managers prioritise actions that protect the environment are available to support those that try to do the right thing.

Stay compliant. Protect the environment.

Visit: managingourwaste.scot/wastemanagement

More SEPA News:

SEPA begins analysis of first samples in COVID-19 RNA fragment wastewater monitoring trial

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has begun its analysis work on the first samples of wastewater (sewage) in a new trial aimed at helping monitor the spread of coronavirus in Scotland.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Bob Downes: A Climate for Change

SEPA Chair Bob Downes writes for Holyrood Magazine on the climate for change.

[Read the article here >>>](#)

SEPA and Scottish Enterprise aligning to deliver 'strong green spine' and support Scotland's green recovery

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has announced that it will accelerate its strategic partnership with Scottish Enterprise to support Scotland's green recovery.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Ambitious new route map points the way to £1 billion for nature conservation

A route map towards unlocking £1 billion of new investment for nature conservation in Scotland has been published by the Scottish Wildlife Trust and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). This work comes at a critical time as society plans a green recovery from the social and economic upheaval caused by COVID-19, and continues to respond to the urgent climate and ecological emergencies.

[Read more here >>>](#)



BSI launch project to create first specification to prevent plastic pellet pollution



The British Standards Institution (BSI), in its role as the UK National Standards Body, has announced a new project to create the first specification that will help prevent plastic pellet pollution.

The fast-tracked standardization document, to be known as Publicly Available Specification 510 (PAS 510) *Plastic pellets, flakes and powders – Handling and management throughout the supply chain to prevent their leakage to the environment – Specification*, will provide an important tool for companies to demonstrate good practice in pellet loss prevention measures across the supply chain.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Love Food Hate Waste online

Energy Saving Trust and Zero Waste Scotland are working together to offer online food waste reduction training sessions.

The online Love Food Hate Waste workshops can help your staff and colleagues cut down on trips to the supermarket and save up to £437 a year by sharing tips on menu planning, storage, and using up leftovers and store cupboard ingredients. Attendees will also learn how they can help protect the environment by preventing food waste at home.

The workshops are funded by the Scottish Government and are available for any organisation based in Scotland.

[Email today to book an online Love Food Hate Waste session.](#)



Events



Scotland CAN DO Collective Partner Spotlight with Professor Gary McEwan



When: 25 June, 2020, 4:00 PM

Where: Online webinar

Join Scotland CAN DO Collective for the next interview in their Partner Spotlight Webinar series, where they will be introducing you to the people who power the CAN DO Collective, asking what the community means to them and how they're helping to make Scotland a world leading entrepreneurial, innovative & creative society.

On Thurs 25th June Collective Convener Rachael Brown will be chatting to Professor Gary McEwan, CEO of Elevator!

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