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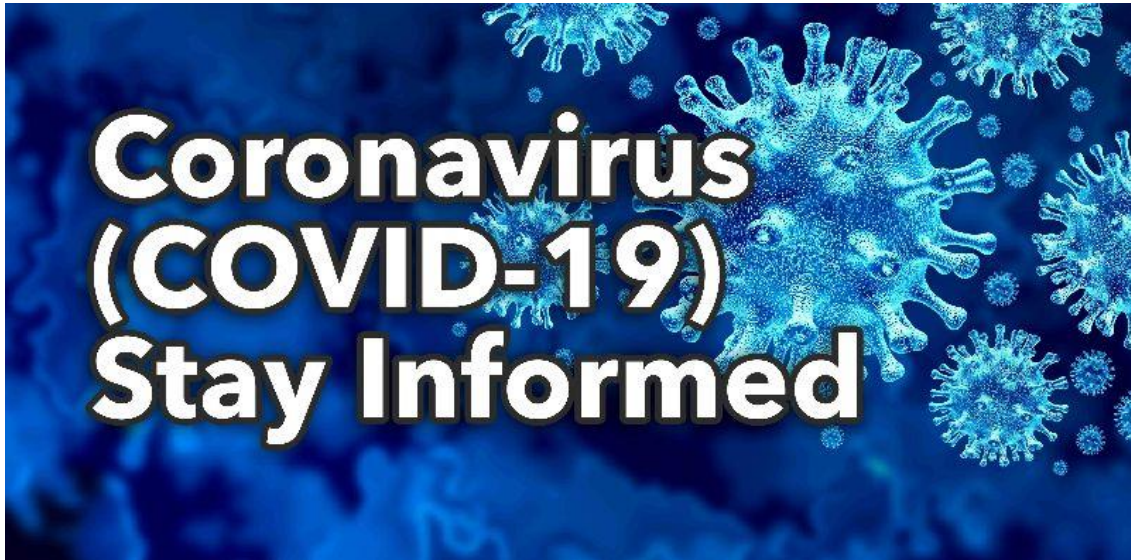


July 2020

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance and support



We Are Scotland campaign stakeholder toolkit

The We Are Scotland Stakeholder Toolkit will enable your business or organisation to communicate Scottish Government's safety messaging consistently and effectively to your employees and customers.

The toolkit includes:

- We Are Scotland Campaign Information and TV Ad
- FACTS Guidance – Including posters and social media assets
- Retail Posters
- Face Covering Posters
- Protection Assets
- Suggested Social Copy
- FACTS Key Messaging
- Face Coverings Q&A

[Read more and download the toolkit here >>>](#)

British Water - Start-up information for businesses using packaged wastewater treatment plants after the shutdown period

Following the actions taken to reduce the transmission of coronavirus in our communities, certain businesses and venues have been required by law to stay closed to the public for a prolonged period. For businesses who use off-mains wastewater treatment, such as package treatment plants, British Water have prepared a guidance document with a number of recommended actions to:

- protect your equipment,
- enable a smooth start-up, and
- minimise the risk of pollution when restarting your plant

[Read more here >>>](#)

New on NetRegs



New Blogs

Top three tips to reduce your business water consumption

Here are some actions your business can take to reduce its water consumption.

[Read More](#)

Zero Waste Scotland launches food redistribution matchmaking service to connect suppliers with organisations in need

Coronavirus disruption is causing gluts and waste across the food chain

[Read More](#)

New Guidance - Is it pollution on the seashore?

This short guide looks at common things you might see at the seaside. Most have natural causes and are not the result of pollution.

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

New Legislation



Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations (Amendment) 2020

This instrument makes changes to the legislation concerning both the Non-Domestic and Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive schemes.

The Regulations extend the Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (DRHI) Scheme for an additional year and introduce a 3rd flexible allocation of Tariff Guarantees on the Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme. These proposals are designed to ensure a smooth transition between the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) and the future support mechanisms, outlined in the consultation: Future Support for Low Carbon Heat.

The Regulations also extend the commissioning deadline for projects currently holding a Tariff Guarantee, to grant these projects additional time to fully commission in light of delays caused by COVID-19.

The Regulations came into force on 20 July 2020

[Read more here >>>](#)

Consultations



Reforms to the tax treatment of red diesel and other rebated fuels

At Budget 2020, the government announced that it will remove the entitlement to use red diesel from April 2022, except in agriculture (as well as forestry, horticulture and fish farming), rail and for non-commercial heating (including domestic heating).

The consultation seeks views on whether the government has overlooked any exceptional reasons why other sectors should be allowed to continue to use red diesel beyond April 2022.

This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 1 October 2020.

[Read more and respond here >>>](#)

Green Recovery - call for views

A green, just and resilient recovery has been highlighted by Governments across the world, including the Scottish Government, as essential in effectively responding to the current challenges of the COVID-19 health crisis (including the social and economic challenges).

The Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (ECCLR) Committee has agreed to launch an open Call for Views on green recovery, focusing on identifying the principles, opportunities, key actions for change, immediate priorities, leadership and governance needed to underpin an effective green recovery, as well as the potential barriers to implementation.

The call for views will be open until Friday 7 August 2020.

[Read more and respond here >>>](#)

Updates



Taking action to stay resilient - Advice and support for Scottish abstractors and irrigators

Water is a resource that underpins key industries like food and drink production and, despite Scotland's reputation for wet weather, water scarcity is becoming more common in Scotland with significant impacts on businesses. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is offering support and guidance to those that regularly abstract water as part of their operations to help them manage their water use.

Being efficient in water use can save businesses money and increase resilience to the impacts of prolonged dry conditions. SEPA forecasts, monitors and reports on the availability of Scotland's water resources, publishing a weekly water scarcity situation report. The [weekly report](#) categorises the situation across Scotland and can help with decision making.

Take action to use water wisely and increase business resilience:

- Plan ahead and know what actions you can take to minimise water use and protect water supplies in your catchment.
- Check the weekly situation report.
- When irrigating your land, check equipment isn't leaking, don't over spray, and use trickle irrigation.
- Follow conditions in your abstraction permit.

- Stagger abstractions with other operators, reduce the volume used, and irrigate at night where possible.
- Switch to alternative supplies, like boreholes, or temporarily stop abstracting if you can.
- Get advice and support from SEPA.

Visit www.sepa.org.uk/water-scarcity or contact waterscarcity@sepa.org.uk.

Life Smart Waste – Project news July 2020



The Life Smart Waste project is an innovative partnership between key European bodies addressing waste crime.

Read the latest updates from the Life Smart Waste team in their July 2020 newsletter, including:

- Reports on the 'Criminal impact of waste import bans',
- 'Results & recommendations' brochure – *A digital brochure summarising LIFE SMART Waste's results and the recommendations arising from the project's capacity*
- Conference videos and more...

[Read the July update here >>>](#)

Get National recognition for Good Environmental Practice



VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards is looking for businesses going beyond compliance and doing their part to contribute to Scotland's Net Zero objective. The scheme will promote good environmental practices through case studies and media opportunities.

The submission process is free and opens on Monday 03 August 2020.

Anyone who submits their story will receive tailored feedback and details of free support available for further environmental

improvement. The best stories will be promoted via media channels and at an event in the Scottish Parliament in January 2021 (subject to any COVID restrictions). Please send in your stories by 5pm on Friday 30th October 2020.

For submission forms and additional information visit www.vibes.org.uk or email vibes@sepa.org.uk, from Monday 03 August 2020

Free case study webinars to help you save energy, money and carbon

This free webinar series from Zero Waste Scotland's Energy Efficiency Business Support Service is a great opportunity to pick up new ideas and handy tips that could help your business save energy and money, and reduce its carbon footprint.

Learn from a range of inspirational case study speakers who will share how they have successfully improved the environmental performance of their businesses.

Find out more and book your place [here](#).



Free food waste workshops for your employees



Energy Saving Trust has teamed up with Zero Waste Scotland to offer Love Food Hate Waste workshops. These fun, free and interactive sessions are now available online – perfect for staff working from home.



Love Food Hate Waste workshops can empower your employees to save £437 a year and help reduce the environmental impact of food waste. Attendees can also enter a prize draw to win a £100 retail voucher.

Funded by the Scottish Government, workshops are delivered by expert advisors.

[Find out more here](#), or book by emailing EmployeeEngagement@est.org.uk.

Funding



The Sustainable Innovation Fund: SBRI phase 1

Organisations can apply for a share of up to £10 million, including VAT, to help UK businesses and the public sector recover from COVID-19 in a sustainable manner.

The Innovate UK Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) programme provides innovative solutions to challenges faced by the public sector. SBRI competitions are open to all organisations that can demonstrate a route to market for their solution. The SBRI scheme is particularly suited to small and medium-sized businesses. Developments are 100% funded and focused on specific identified needs, increasing the chance of exploitation.

The deadline for applications is 11am on 5 August 2020.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Scottish Forestry funding opportunities

Funding is being made available to assist farmers and crofters to diversify into forestry and help with the fight against climate change.

Scottish Forestry recently announced £500,000 as part of the Harvesting and Processing grants package and, the Scottish Government announced a new Agricultural Transformation Programme of £1 million.

Both grant schemes are being managed by Scottish Forestry.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Low Carbon Innovation Support for SME's

The Energy Technology Partnership (ETP) is an alliance of 13 Scottish universities providing a pool of research expertise on energy. Through the Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN), ETP can offer Scottish SMEs access to resources, including project funding, to work with Scottish universities on low carbon innovation projects.

A video introducing the work of KEN and how it can help academics and businesses is available [here](#).

[Read more here >>>](#)

GOV.UK - Apply for grants if your business completes customs declarations

Find out what grants you can apply for to get funding for recruitment, training and IT improvements if your business completes customs declarations.

[Read more here >>>](#)

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