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LCAL2 (Open) Local Restriction Support Grant

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Blackpool was placed in Local COVID Alert Level 2 (LCAL2) (Tier 2 - High) on 25 September 2020. This lasted for 22 days before the borough was moved to LCAL3 at the same time as the wider Lancashire area.

This funding was retrospective and formed part of the Blackpool Business Recovery Fund to support small and medium sized local leisure, hospitality and accommodation businesses despite them not being required to fully close. The support covered the period from 25 September 2020 until the borough moved to LCAL3 (Tier 3) on 17 October 2020.

This support scheme was closed on **1 January 2021**.

Eligibility

Your business will have been eligible if it occupied property for which it paid business rates, and if it fell within one of the following sectors:

- Hospitality: small or medium sized business rate paying restaurants and cafes that have been significantly impacted due to loss of visitor trade
- Accommodation: small or medium sized business rate paying guest houses, hotels and self-catering holiday apartments that have suffered from cancellations and a reduced trading environment since the introduction of tiered and lockdown restrictions
- Leisure: small or medium sized business rate paying businesses in a range of leisure sub-sectors that rely on visitor footfall to trade during the season including amusement/theme parks, bowling alleys, tourist attractions, model villages, amusement arcades, piers, trampoline parks and independent theatres

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How much you will have received

For the 22 day period from 25 September 2020 to 17 October 2020.

Category	Rateable value	One-off retrospective payment
Small	RV £1 to £15,000	£734
Medium	RV £15,001 to £50,999	£1,100

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Exclusions

- Larger leisure, hospitality and supply chain businesses were eligible for this scheme.
- Businesses within the leisure, hospitality and accommodation sectors which do not pay business rates were not eligible for this scheme.
- Retail premises or premises used for personal services (ie hairdressers) were not be eligible for this scheme

- Businesses which were already closed directly before the restrictions were imposed were not be eligible for this scheme
- Businesses which have already reached the state aid limit (see below) were not be eligible for this scheme
- Business which are subject to insolvency or striking off action were not eligible for funding under this scheme
- Specific businesses subject to national closures since 23 March 2020 were not be eligible for this scheme. This includes nightclubs and sexual entertainment venues where grants will be paid under a separate scheme for nationally mandated business closures

If you already receive state aid

The Local Restrictions Support Grant counts towards state aid.

Payments count towards the total de minimis state aid you are able to receive over a 3-year period - €200,000. If you have reached that threshold, you may still be eligible for funding under the [COVID-19 Temporary Framework](#). The limit for the framework is €800,000.

If you proceed to make an application we will ask you to complete a declaration confirming that you will not exceed the relevant state aid threshold.

Tax implications

Grant income received by a business is taxable. The Local Restrictions Support Grant will need to be included as income in the tax return of the business.

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