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Briefing Note

CECA Member Briefing: Covid-19: CECA update

Introduction

This short briefing has been prepared on behalf of the UK construction sector to brief companies and individuals on the ongoing repercussions of the Covid-19 coronavirus for our sector. This briefing will be delivered daily by CECA over the coming weeks – if you would like further information, or to input your views, contact CECA chief executive Alasdair Reisner on 07977151912 or e-mail alasdairreisner@ceca.co.uk.

CECA Industry Recovery Plan Webinar

Click [here](#) to register for a CECA webinar on the construction industry's recovery plan, which will take place on Friday 1 May 2020 at 1.45pm.

Covid-19 Case Studies

The Construction Industry Coronavirus Task Force has published a [new website](#) to showcase industry's response to Covid-19. Case studies are in four categories - building NHS capacity; donating PPE; safeguarding workers; and helping communities. If you would like to add a case study to the site, please e-mail hustongilmore@ceca.co.uk.

Coronavirus testing

The Government has extended the criteria under which people in England can receive testing for Coronavirus to include those who cannot work from home but are showing symptoms. This widening will now mean that construction workers that show symptoms would be able to get tested. Details of how to apply for testing can be found [here](#).

CIS tax consultation – postponement

HMRC has postponed its [current consultation](#) on potential abuse of the Construction Industry Scheme tax system. The consultation had been due to close on 28 May but has now been held open until 28 August to allow businesses affected by the current crisis more time to respond.

Webinar: Financial support for small businesses during coronavirus

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has arranged a [webinar](#) at 11.00am on Monday 4 May to explain how small business can access coronavirus business support measures. The webinar will cover:

- Eligibility for small business grants
- Applying for a loan
- Tax
- Claiming for wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

You will have the opportunity to ask questions during the webinar.

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme – Survey

A new survey has been developed by the Construction Coronavirus Task Force to help understand how the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme is being used by industry. Please take five minutes to fill in the survey [here](#).

Navigating Covid-19 Webinars

The Association for Consultancy and Engineering (ACE) has shared details of new episodes in its [webinar series](#), 'Navigating COVID-19.' Presented by ACE chief executive Hannah Vickers, these are open to anyone in the industry to attend. Check ACE's website regularly for updates, new guest and episode announcements.

Improving cashflow through tax credits (Wednesday 6 May, 12.00pm)

Mark Smith, Innovation Incentives Partner of ACE affiliate Ayming UK, joins us to discuss how R&D tax credits can release the hidden cash trapped in your working capital, helping your business through the weeks and months ahead.

Support the fight against Coronavirus

The UK Government has asked industry to offer support to those fighting coronavirus. If your business can offer support in any of the following circumstances:

- Protective equipment for healthcare workers, such as masks, gowns, and sanitiser;
- Hotel rooms;
- Transport and logistics, for moving goods or people;
- Manufacturing equipment;
- Warehouse or office space, for medical use or storage;
- Expert advice or consultancy on IT, manufacturing, construction, project management, procurement, or engineering;
- Social care or childcare;
- Community support.

Please use [this link](#) to offer your help.